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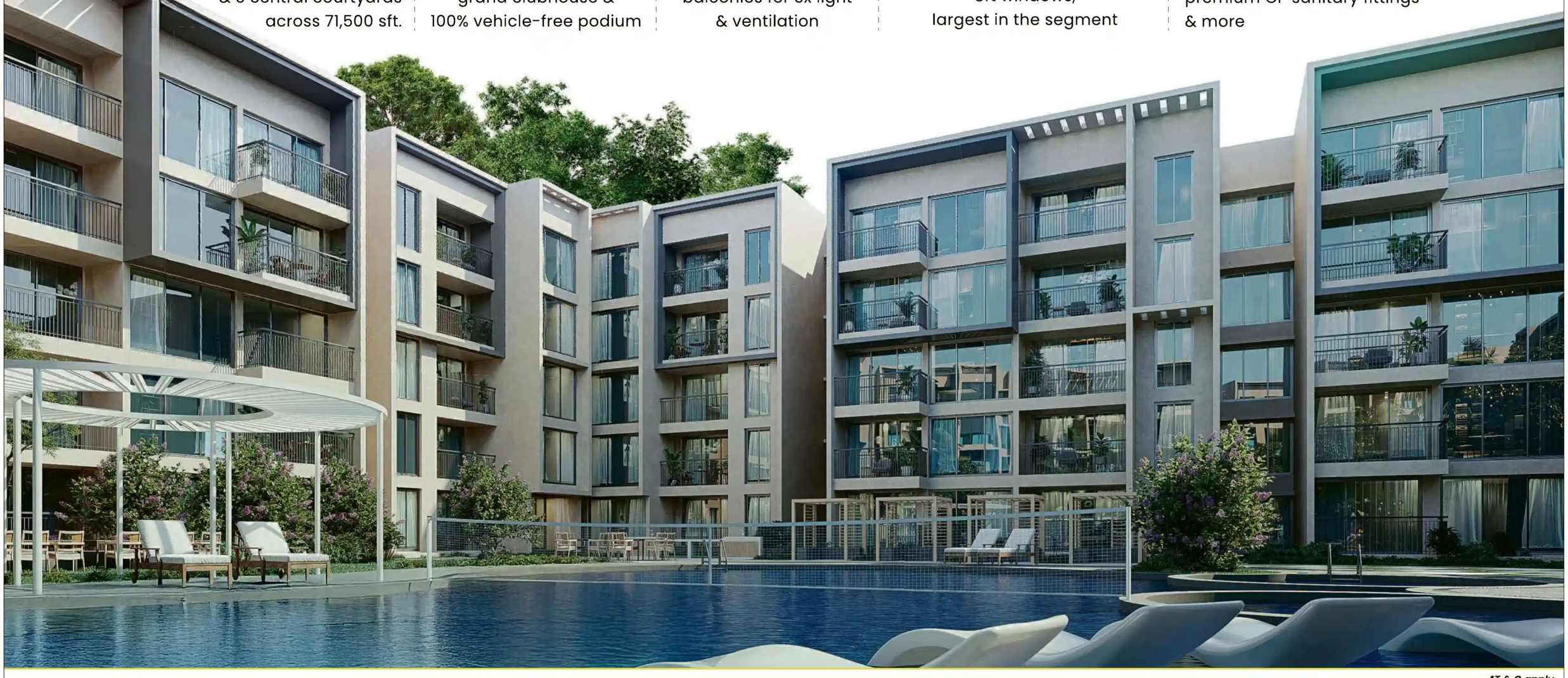

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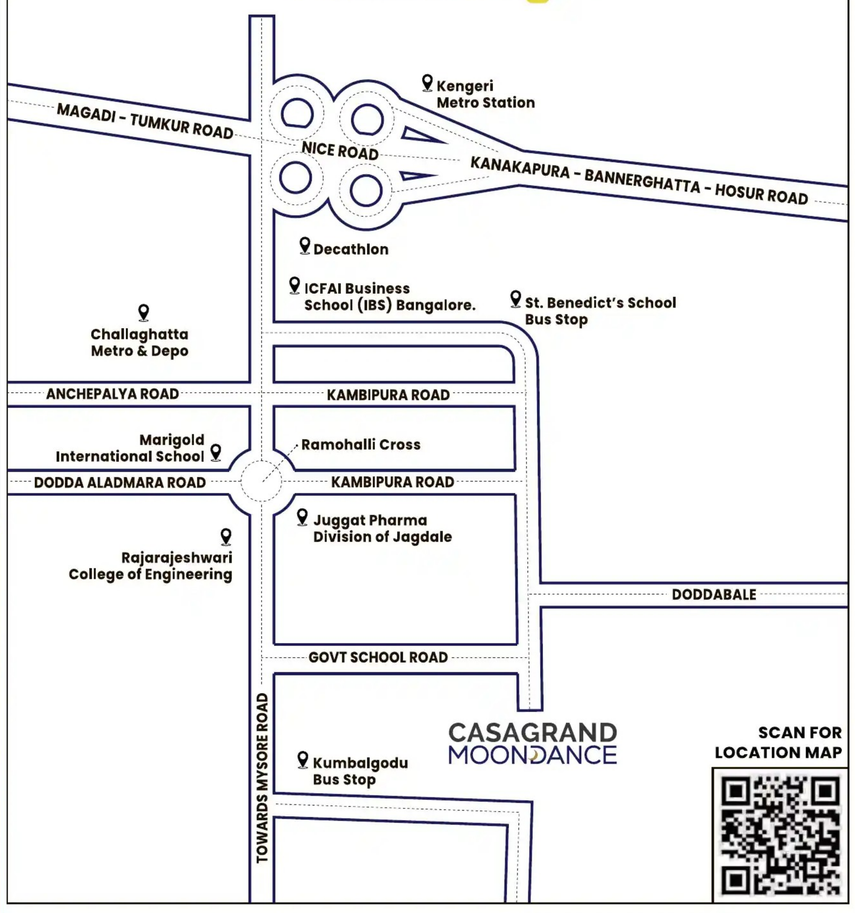

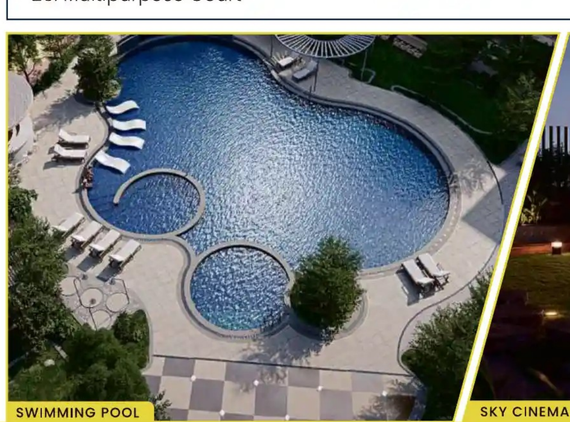
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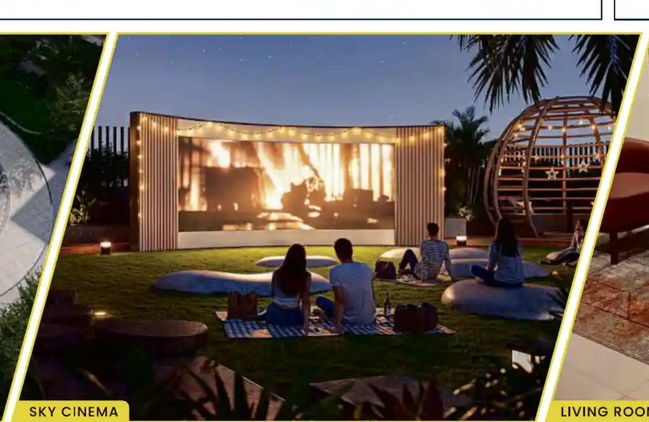
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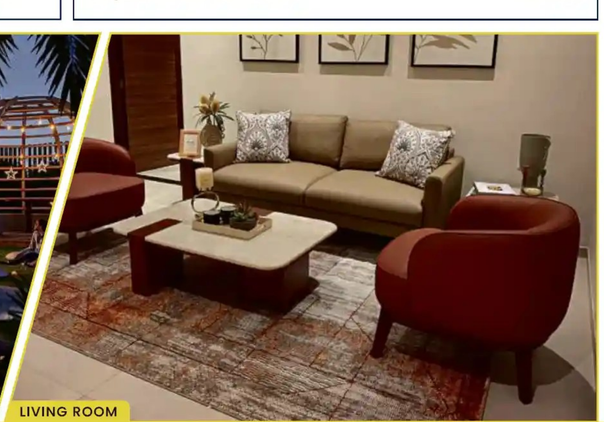
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Bengaluru Urban District, Anekal Taluk
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Foundation Stone Laying
Ceremony for the Construction of the
International Cricket Stadium

Sri D.K. SHIVAKUMAR
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Launch of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's "NAMMA MANE" Housing Scheme

Foundation Stone Laying for the "SURYA SHINE" and "SURYA DIVINE" Residential Township Projects

Symbolic Distribution of Site Allotment Letters to Landowners who contributed land for the Housing Project

Distribution of Site Allotment Letters to Public Applicants Presided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Date
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Time
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Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

In The August Presence of

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
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Government of Karnataka

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Sri M. Krishnappa
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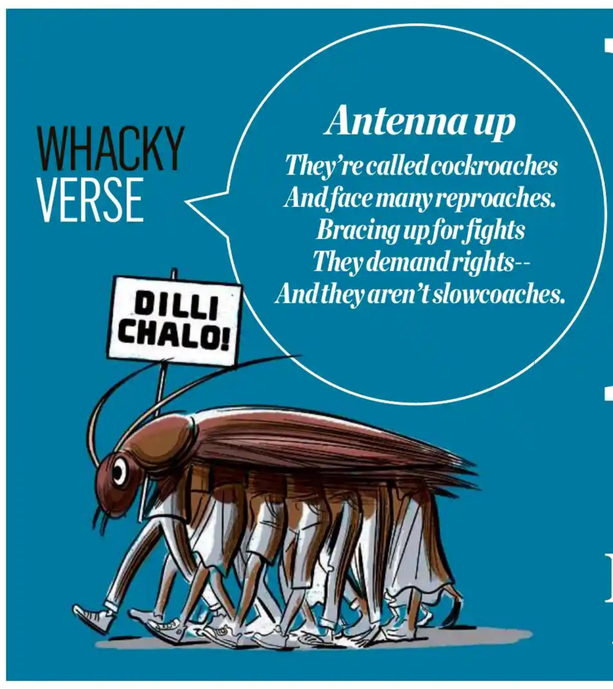

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Bail in UAPA cases: SC refers issue to larger bench

One bench has questioned reasoning of another bench in denying bail to Umar Khalid

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A two-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Friday referred to a larger bench the questions recently raised by another bench of the same strength on the correctness of a earlier judgment denying bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, both charged under the stringent UAPA, in the 2020 Delhi riots case.

A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and Prasanna B Varale made the reference while granting interim bail to two other accused persons, Tasleem Ahmed and Khalid Saifi, also charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, in the riots case.

"A coordinate bench cannot, by strong observation, effectively unsettle the ratio of an earlier coordinate bench while continuing to sit in equal strength," the bench said.

On May 18, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan, citing the K A Najeeb verdict of 2021, said that bail should be the rule even in the UAPA cases and stressed that the right to a speedy trial cannot be defeated merely because an accused has been booked under this anti-terror law.

In the reference order on Friday, the bench of Justices Kumar and Varale said the Najeeb judgment by a three-judge bench was not a mathematical command to mechanically grant bail if there was a delay in trial in a UAPA case.

Justice Kumar observed that the Gulfisha Fatima judgment (Umar Khalid case) understood the Najeeb ruling as a principled safeguard and not as a mathematical formula.

"We do not propose to enter into adjudication of the correctness of the observation made by a coordinate bench. Judgments of this court are not to be answered by a counter-observation from another bench of equal strength. The discipline of precedent demands a higher institutional method," the bench said.

It said that where a coordinate bench entertains reservations about the reasoning of an earlier coordinate bench, particularly regarding the application of a binding three-judge bench decision, the proper course is well settled.

The bench said the matter would be placed before the CJI for the constitution of an appropriate bench to clarify or expound the position of law laid down in the Najeeb case, particularly against the backdrop of the rigour of Section 43D (5) of the UAPA.

▸ UAPA cases, Page 6

SC withdraws order blacklisting academics in textbook row, Page 11

The larger issue

1. On Jan 5, a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar & N V Anjaria refuses bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam
2. On May 18, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan says bail is the rule even in UAPA cases
3. Nagarathna-Bhuyan bench questions rationale behind denial of bail to Khalid & Imam, says Najeeb verdict has set a precedent
4. Najeeb verdict says long incarceration can override UAPA restrictions and bail can be granted
5. On May 22, bench of Justices Aravind Kumar & PV Varale says Najeeb verdict can't be applied mechanically to grant bail
6. Bench refers matter to CJI to constitute a larger bench

"A coordinate bench cannot make strong observations and unsettle the ratio of an earlier bench while sitting in equal strength...We deem it necessary to observe that disagreement between coordinate benches by itself is neither unusual nor undesirable. -SC

SC concerned over quota for kids from well-off backward classes families

The SC on Friday expressed concern over the extension of reservation to children from economically and educationally advanced families belonging to backward classes, noting that education and economic progress naturally leads to social mobility. Page 6

Court to hear plea challenging CBSE's 3-language mandate

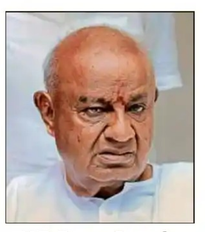
The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine next week a petition challenging the CBSE's decision making the study of three languages — including at least two native Indian languages — compulsory for Class 9 students from July 1. Page 11

Kharge, Gowda in focus ahead of June 18 RS polls

Cong can elect 3, NDA 1 from Karnataka; BJP state unit bats for Sadananda Gowda

PRATHIMA NANDAKUMAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

Mallikarjun Kharge


H D Deve Gowda

With the Election Commission of India on Friday announcing polls for 24 vacant Rajya Sabha seats from 10 states on June 18, including four from Karnataka, speculation over a second term for Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and JD(S) supremo HD Deve Gowda has intensified.

The Rajya Sabha terms of Iranna Kadadi and K Narayan, both from the BJP, Kharge and Deve Gowda are ending on June 25. MLAs vote to elect members to the Upper House. A candidate needs 45 votes to win. Of the four seats going to polls, the Congress can win three and the NDA one, provided nobody cross-votes.

The talks of Kharge's renomination to the Upper House come amid the Siddaramaiah–D K Shivakumar power tussle. If Kharge is again sent to Parliament, it will likely rule him out as a "dark horse" if a leadership change occurs in Karnataka.

On the NDA side, speculation is rife that the BJP may cede its lone seat to 93-year-old Deve Gowda to secure its alliance with the JD(S).

However, the BJP state core committee on Wednesday proposed former CM D V Sadananda Gowda's name.

BJP national general secretary Radha Mohandas Agrawal said the state unit would only propose a name, but alliance decisions rest with the national leadership.

In the Congress, the high command is also weighing national spokespersons Supriya Shrinate and Pawan Khera, Andhra Pradesh Congress chief Y S Sharmila and AICC secretary B V Srinivas to field from Karnataka. The state unit is pitching for a Lingayat and an OBC candidate to maintain caste equations.

KPCC general secretary Basavaraju A P is one of the top contenders as the party is keen on Lingayat representation in the Rajya Sabha as late M V Rajasekharan was the last Lingayat leader to be elected to the Upper House, in 2002.

The other probables are MLC BK Hariprasad (OBC), Mysuru DCC president Vijay (OBC), former president of state Mahila Congress Pushpa Amarnath (Dalit), former MLA Anjali Nimbalkar (OBC) and AICC secretary (Kerala and Lakshadweep) Mansoor Ali Khan.

Oppn eyes marginal gain

In the elections to 24 Rajya Sabha seats across 10 states, which will be held next month, the Opposition bloc is expected to register a marginal gain, while the ruling NDA may retain its current strength. Details on Page 10

The music makers of B'luru

A DH journalist visits families who make and restore Indian classical instruments

The SATURDAY STORY

Far removed from Bengaluru's microbreweries, startups and cafes lies its pete, the bazaar area that traces its origins to the 16th century. Its narrow, winding lanes are lined with shops selling everything from cotton and rice to bangles and tablas.

For today's *Saturday Story*, a *DH* journalist visits shops that have been making and repairing Indian classical music instruments for generations, one since the early 1900s. She begins in the pete and moves through other neighbourhoods where these family-run businesses later expanded. The journey reveals familiar signs of changing times, from labour shortages to modern musical needs.

But it also uncovers the vital role these instrument makers have played in nurturing Indian classical music — from guiding musicians in choosing the right instruments to sharing their musical knowledge.

Full story, Page 15

Bidar, Kalaburagi to get B'luru flights from June

BENGALURU, DHNS: Flight services to Bidar and Kalaburagi, key destinations in the Kalyana Karnataka region, will resume from June 1 and June 10, respectively, Infrastructure Development Minister M B Patil said on Friday. Star Airlines, a Bengaluru-based regional airline, will provide flight services on the Bengaluru-Bidar-Bengaluru and Bengaluru-Kalaburagi-Bengaluru routes. Details on Page 2

India to create 'smart border' along Pak, B'desh frontiers

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday announced that the Union government will launch a 'Smart Border' project next year to make an "impenetrable security grid" to guard borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh to prevent infiltration and defeat the "conspiracy" to effect "artificial changes" to India's demography.

Delivering the annual KF Rustamji Memorial lecture, he also said the charter for the High-Power Demography Mission announced by PM Narendra Modi will be finalised soon and also launch a major programme for BSF and other paramilitary personnel.

Amit Shah

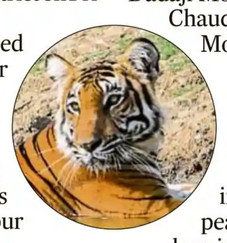
Shah said that he can speak with confidence that Tripura, Assam and West Bengal have governments that, as a matter of policy, believe that infiltration must not happen. Emphasising that the government's approach to terrorists is the era that talks is over, he said the MHA will roll out a comprehensive plan in which technical assistance will be provided to transform the entire 6,000-km border into a smart border.

▸ Smart Border, Page 6

Maha: Tiger kills 4 women in single attack

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Four tribal women were mauled to death by a tiger while collecting tendu leaves in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district on Friday morning, said officials.



The incident, which occurred in the Gunjewahi-Pawanpar forest area of Sindewahi taluka, is being described by officials and wildlife observers as an extremely rare and brutal attack in which a single tiger is suspected to have killed the four women.

The victims were among a group of 13 women who had entered the forest early in the morning to collect tendu leaves. At that point, the tiger hiding in the bushes attacked them.

The four women died on the spot, while the others managed to escape unhurt by raising an alarm and running out of the forest.

The deceased were identified as Kavdubai Dadaji Mohurle (45), Anubai Dadaji Mohurle (46), Sangeeta Santosh Chaudhary (36), and Sunita Kaushik Mohurle (33).

Chief Conservator of Forests (Chandrapur Circle) R M Ramanujan is personally monitoring the situation.

The forest department has intensified patrolling and appealed to villagers not to venture deep into forested areas until the animal is located and the situation stabilises.

Chandrapur district, home to the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, has one of the highest tiger populations in the country outside protected reserves.

▸ Tiger attack, Page 6

RBI to pay Rs 2.87L cr as dividend to Centre

The Reserve Bank of India on Friday announced that it will transfer a record Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Union government as dividend for the financial year 2025-26. This year's dividend payment is 6.7% higher than the previous financial year's Rs 2.69 lakh crore. P 13

Munir arrives in Tehran in push to end Iran war

Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir on Friday reached Tehran for a crucial visit to expedite efforts for a deal between the US and Iran to end the war in the region, the army said. According to a statement issued by the army, Field Marshal Munir's visit is "part of ongoing mediation efforts". P 12

ROOT CAUSE

Exotic trees topple the most during B'luru rains

CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru's exotic trees, whose bloom brightens the city's landscape are becoming a liability, thanks to old age and unscientific civil works.

Greater Bengaluru Authority data showed that such trees accounted for over 66% of those that fell during the thunderstorm on April 29.

The Forest Cell of the GBA recorded the fall of 516 trees belonging to 20 species between April 29 and May 1. Officials found that a staggering 343 (66.47%) of these trees belonged to just four species: Copperpod or Yellow Gulmohar (117), African Tulip (101), Gulmohar (91) and Nile Tulip (34).

A fallen Gulmohar tree in Bengaluru.
DH FILE PHOTO

While reasons behind the tree failures are multifactorial, GBA Deputy Conservator of Forests Sudarshan G K said the sheer number of exotic trees in the fallen list drew his attention.

"Most of the fallen trees were exotic species and softwood in nature. These trees were planted about 30 years ago. We need a scientific evaluation of the trees across the city and phasing out of these species in a time-bound manner. In their place, we need to plant native species which can withstand heavy rains and storms," Sudarshan said.

The GBA routinely takes up pruning of branches and cutting down dead trees. However, the record rain on April 29 showed that it was not enough.

To a question, the officer acknowledged that the forest cell has to consider the extreme weather events linked to climate change while choosing saplings. "At the same time, we need to prevent unscientific pruning and damage to roots during drain and footpath construction as they create entry points for decay fungi and destabilise root anchorage," he added.

▸ Tree, Page 6

Bowring wall breached height limit, finds Lokayukta report

Probe flags design flaws, civic lapses for wall collapse

BENGALURU, DHNS

The special team formed by Lokayukta to investigate the wall collapse at the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar has submitted its report.

The wall collapse during heavy rain on April 29 killed seven people and left nine injured.

The report stated that the collapsed wall violated the National Building Code, which mandates that a public wall should not exceed 2.4 metres in height. However, the collapsed wall had been constructed up to 2.8 metres.

The report stated that the wall was damaged by a lorry during 2008 and 2009 and was later reconstructed using cement concrete blocks.

It also found that mud up to 1.8 metres in height had been dumped unscientifically on the hospital side of the wall.

According to the report, the structure was built as a self-weight wall instead of an earth-retaining structure. The self-weight wall did not have the capacity to withstand the dumped mud.

The site of the compound wall collapse at Bowring Hospital in Shivajinagar. Seven people died and nine others were injured following heavy rain. DH FILE

The report further noted that there was no provision for rainwater to drain into the sewage system, which increased pore pressure on the wall.

The investigation team also flagged the absence of a civil engineer despite the creation of a contractual post in 2024.

Highlighting lapses by the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the report stated that footpath encroachments had not been cleared despite a High Court direction to rehabilitate occupants elsewhere.

The report also said civic agencies must identify and address dilapidated walls, unsafe buildings and vulnerable trees that could pose risks.

Consultations on the report were held with Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department (UDD) Tushar Girinath, GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao and officials from the Medical Education Department.

Report highlights

- Wall height exceeded National Building Code limit of **2.4 metres**
- Damaged wall was rebuilt using cement concrete blocks after lorry impact in **2008-09**
- Mud dumped up to **1.8 metres** behind the wall without scientific planning
- Structure built as a **self-weight** wall instead of an earth-retaining wall
- No proper rainwater drainage system, increasing **pressure** on the wall
- No civil engineer appointed despite creation of contractual post in **2024**
- Footpath encroachments remained **uncleared** despite High Court directions
- Civic agencies asked to identify **unsafe walls**, buildings and vulnerable trees

Huge highway hoarding crashes in Hoskote following rain, winds

BENGALURU, DHNS: A massive hoarding collapsed along the Hoskote toll highway near Bengaluru following heavy rain and gusty winds on Thursday, triggering fresh concerns over the unchecked spread of large advertisement structures in and around the city.

No injuries were reported, though the collapse caused panic among commuters and local residents.

Large hoardings and gantries have come up illegally along highways leading into the city, but no action has been taken against such advertisers.

Billboards have also started appearing inside the city, featuring photographs of MLAs in an apparent attempt to pressure officials into granting permission.

Lack of approval and absence of adequate safety checks could lead to major disasters as enforcement remains weak.

The unchecked structures are also allegedly leading to revenue leakage.

The collapse comes amid repeated weather-related disruptions over the past few weeks, during which strong winds and heavy rain have damaged trees, electric poles and temporary structures.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Scaffolding surrounds the under-construction 111-foot-tall statue of saint-reformer Basavanna along the Bengaluru–Mysuru Expressway. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Namma 112 teams foil abduction bid, rescue woman from suicide attempt

BENGALURU, DHNS

Two rapid response operations coordinated through the Namma 112 emergency helpline led to the rescue of an abduction victim and a young woman attempting suicide within 24 hours, the Bengaluru City Police said.

Police described the incidents as examples of timely intervention, public vigilance and emergency response coordination, and urged citizens to continue using the Namma 112 helpline during emergencies

In the first incident, on May 22 around 5 am, four men who had arrived from the airport booked an Uber. After reaching Srinivasa Nagar near Reva College, they threatened the driver with a knife and demanded cash.

When the driver told them he did not have money and that his friend had it, the accused called the friend to the location and tried to abduct him.

The victim escaped and alerted the Namma 112 helpline. The call was relayed to Assistant Sub-Inspector Ramamurthy and Police Constable Raju, who were on duty in Hoysala 164 attached to the Yelahanka police station. Police said the officers reached the spot within 16 minutes.

On seeing the police, the suspects tried to flee. One person was apprehended and the victim was rescued safely. Further investigation is underway.

In a separate incident on May 21 around 11.38 am, a local resident alerted Namma 112 about a woman attempting suicide near NRI Layout Smart Bazaar.

The information was passed on to Police Sub-Inspector Mohammed Ali Imran and Head Constable Dinesh, who were on duty in Cheeta 259. Police said the officers reached the spot within 12 minutes.

The officers found the woman standing on the fifth floor of a building. They rushed upstairs, rescued and counselled her, and later spoke to her mother.

The woman was admitted to Nimhans for treatment and care.

BDA razes two unauthorised structures

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Friday reclaimed prime properties where unauthorised constructions had come up.

In a press note, the BDA stated that the value of the reclaimed properties — located in Cambridge Layout near Indiranagar and Domlur 1st Stage — is estimated at Rs 12 crore.

The structure that was pulled down in Domlur 1st Stage. The drive was executed by the BDA task force with assistance from engineers and police. PHOTO: BDA

During the drive, the BDA cleared encroachments and took possession of three properties, including a 40x60-sqft site in Cambridge Layout, a 40x40-sqft site in Dookanahalli, and a 20x40-sqft site in Domlur 1st Stage.

The operation was carried out by the BDA task force with support from engineers and police.

Flights from Bengaluru to Bidar & Kalaburagi to resume in June

BENGALURU, DHNS: Flight services to Bidar and Kalaburagi, key destinations in the Kalyan Karnataka region, will resume from June 1 and 10, respectively, Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil said on Friday.

Star Airlines, a Bengaluru-based regional airline, will operate services on the Bengaluru–Bidar–Bengaluru and Bengaluru–Kalaburagi–Bengaluru routes.

To support the operations, the government is providing Rs 28.47 crore as viability gap funding, the minister said.

Direct flight services between Bengaluru and Kalaburagi were suspended in October 2025 due to low passenger occupancy, while flights on the Bidar route were suspended in April 2026.

"The government is resuming flight services under the regional air connectivity initiative, considering the growth of industry, education, tourism, agriculture, and trade in the Kalyan Karnataka region. The government aims to provide air connectivity to tier-2 and tier-3 cities in the state. This will improve regional economic development as well as infrastructure," he said.

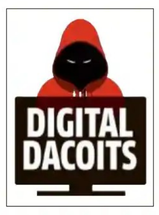
Advance ticket bookings on both routes have already commenced.

Fake IRCTC app drains teacher of Rs 3.37 lakh

Had downloaded fake app sent for railway refund

BENGALURU, DHNS

An attempt by a resident of northeast Bengaluru to secure a Rs 15,370 refund for a failed railway booking ended with him losing Rs 3.37 lakh to cyber fraud, officials said.



Randeep S, a teacher from Yelahanka, had visited the IRCTC website to book a ticket from Delhi to Bengaluru. While the booking failed, Rs 15,370 was debited from his credit card.

Soon after he raised a refund request, 40-year-old Randeep received a call from an unknown number. The caller told him that an app would be shared on WhatsApp and that he had to download it to process the refund.

Randeep downloaded the app and entered his credit card details, believing it to be genuine as its interface resembled the official IRCTC app, the FIR stated.

After entering the details, he began receiving multiple OTPs and Rs 3.37 lakh was debited from his credit card. Realising he had been cheated, he approached the police.

"The public should be careful, especially while searching for ticket booking platforms on Google. Always check the website address and only proceed after ensuring that it is legitimate. It is also important to only download official ticketing apps from the Play Store for Android and App Store for iOS," a senior police officer said.

Avoid unknown apps

- Do not download apps shared by unknown persons or links.
- Ignore calls claiming to process IRCTC refunds over the phone.
- Use only official websites and apps downloaded from authorised app stores.

GBA to provide khata-related grievance services today

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the five city corporations will conduct the 'My e-Khata, My Right' campaign on Saturday, continuing the initiative launched last week to resolve citizen grievances related to e-khata services across Bengaluru.

A large number of citizens had also thronged the open houses last week.

From 10 am-5 pm

As part of the initiative, all five city corporations will organise grievance redressal camps from 10 am to 5 pm.

According to the notice issued by the authority, officials will address citizen issues related to e-khata services on the spot.

In all, the GBA has opened 52 centres where applications will be received from the public.

Priority will be given to complaints related to applications rejected by revenue officers, pending queries, and similar issues.

India Post invites applications for direct insurance agent roles

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Office of the Chief Postmaster, Bengaluru GPO Division, has invited applications for the engagement of direct agents to procure Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance business.

Interested candidates are required to attend a walk-in interview on Saturday at 11 am at the Office of the Chief Postmaster, Bengaluru GPO. Applicants must carry two recent passport-size photographs, a resume, and copies of their educational certificates.

According to the GPO, candidates should have passed Class 10 (SSLC or equivalent) and be at least 18 years of age. Preference will be given to unemployed and self-employed youth, former insurance agents and advisors, ex-servicemen, students, Anganwadi workers, members of women's groups, and retired gram panchayat representatives.

Selected candidates will be required to furnish a security deposit of Rs 5,000 in the form of a National Savings Certificate. They will be paid commission based on the business they procure, with no fixed salary.

The postal department clarified that applicants should not be working as agents for any other insurance company. Contact 9480884017.

DyCM reviews Bengaluru's mobility projects

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday held a closed-door meeting to review developmental projects across Bengaluru.

The key projects discussed included the Bengaluru Business Corridor, Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township, the second half of the Peripheral Ring Road between Hosur Road and Tumakuru Road, and the Intermediate Ring Road (IRR).

All these projects are currently at various stages of implementation and are facing land acquisition challenges.

"We discussed accelerating infrastructure works and ensuring better connectivity and urban mobility for the benefit of Bengaluru residents," Shivakumar said in a post on X.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar holds discussions with senior officials on key projects in Bengaluru on Friday.

Tushar Girinath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department (UDD), BDA Commissioner P Manivannan, Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) Commissioner Rajendran Cholan, Bengaluru Business Corridor Project Chairman LK Atheeq, and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

Fake jewellery pledged for gold loans; 4 booked in Rs 16-lakh fraud

BENGALURU, DHNS

Varthur police have registered a case against a bank gold appraiser and three customers for allegedly cheating Karnataka Bank by pledging fake jewellery and securing gold loans worth nearly Rs 16 lakh.

The fraud surfaced during a routine revaluation of pledged gold ornaments conducted by the bank on May 12.

Police identified the accused as Ravi Kumar S, Mohan Reddy, HN Keshav and Mahadesh V, all residents of Ramakrishna Street in Varthur.

During the verification process, bank officials found that several ornaments pledged for gold loans were imitation jewellery passed off as genuine gold.

Senior police officers said Kumar, who had been working as a gold appraiser at the Varthur branch for several years, lured known customers by promising them a commission and convinced them to pledge ornaments in their names to avail gold loans.

Police suspect that Kumar used his position to manipulate the valuation process and certify the fake ornaments as genuine gold jewellery.

The accused customers availed multiple gold loans amounting to Rs 15.95 lakh. With accrued interest, the outstanding amount has reportedly risen to Rs 16.53 lakh.

Following the detection of the fraud, bank authorities informed the regional office on KH Road and launched an internal inquiry.

Officials later tried to contact the accused customers and recover the dues, but failed, following which the branch manager approached the police and filed a complaint.

Soon after the fraud surfaced, Kumar and the other accused went absconding. Efforts are on to trace them.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy flags off the new express service on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BMTC launches new express services to H Cross, Nelamangala

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced two new limited-stop express bus services aimed at improving connectivity between Bengaluru and its surrounding towns.

The new services, operating under the Vegadootha category, connect Tin Factory and H Cross, and Hosakote and Nelamangala.

These services have been launched as the BMTC expands operations in areas falling under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits.

The Tin Factory–H Cross service (Route EX-317HC) will operate seven schedules, with 60 trips daily at 30-minute intervals. The route will pass through ITI Gate, KR Puram, Hosakote, and Nandagudi before terminating at H Cross. The fare for the full journey is Rs 63.

The second service (Route EX-STRR-1) will provide a direct connection between Hosakote and Nelamangala. Operated with 11 schedules, the service will run 25 trips daily. The route is designed to offer faster travel between Bengaluru's eastern and western outskirts by avoiding city-centre congestion. The fare for the full journey is Rs 110.

The BMTC currently operates 188 schedules and 1,686 trips along the Hosakote Road corridor, including services extending up to Devanahalli and Doddaballapur.

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Ramakrishna Math in Basavanagudi to host week-long multi-lingual 'Bhajana Saptaaha'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Ramakrishna Math in Basavanagudi is organising a week-long devotional music festival titled 'Bhajana Saptaaha', from May 25 to 31. The event will feature bhajans in several languages.

The programme will be held daily from 5 pm to 6.30 pm at the Swami Vivekananda Centenary Auditorium on the Math premises.

May 25: 'Sanskrit-Stotra Bhajans' by Vidwan Sri Ramani Shankar

May 26: 'Vachanas of Shiva Sharanas' by Sri Shanmugaiah

May 27: 'Keertanas of Sri Annamacharya and Bhadrachala Ramadas' by Ragini Sanath and Pavani Bharadwaj

May 28: 'Abhanga Vani' by Prakash and Prasad Sapre

May 29: 'Hindi Bhajans' by Dattatreya Velankar

May 30: 'Keertanas of Dasas' by Sri Sanjaya Kini

May 31: 'Bengali Bhajans' by Swami Divyavratanandaji Maharaj

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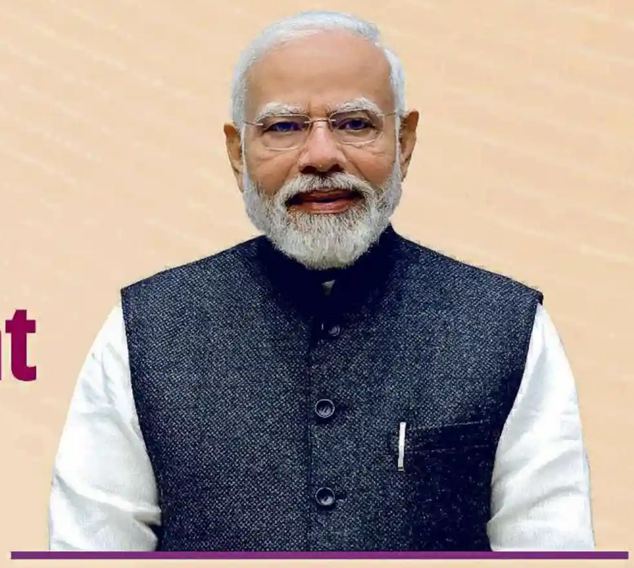

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An uprooted tree and a fallen street light pole on the main road at Vyalikaval. DH PHOTO / BK JANARDHAN

Heaps of uncleared garbage off Outer Ring Road at Kadirenahalli in Banashankari. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Complaints closed, problems continue

HELPLESS IN METROPOLIS: Harrowed by their complaints remaining unaddressed, Bengalureans question the civic grievance redressal systems

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A pothole filled after repeated complaints only to reappear weeks later. A street continuing to see sewage leaks despite multiple appeals. Garbage blackspots marked "cleared" while waste continues to pile up. These are not isolated incidents; this is the reality of the complaints filed by citizens in Bengaluru with civic agencies in order to improve their localities and lives.

Despite having multiple helpline numbers, online portals and apps, a social media presence, and other ways to reach out to authorities, the city's problems remain persistent.

Over the years, agencies such as the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (now the Greater Bengaluru Authority [GBA]), the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB), the Bengaluru Electric Supply Company (BESCOM), the Bengaluru traffic police, and other civic agencies have maintained complaint portals to encourage citizens to lodge complaints.

While these systems promise quicker response times and transparent tracking, many residents say complaints are often marked "resolved" without verification, photographic proof or long-term fixes. In several cases, recurring problems are repeatedly reopened by citizens, pointing to concerns over superficial repairs, contractor accountability and pressure to improve closure statistics.

As Bengaluru heads into another monsoon season, recurring complaints around potholes, flooding, garbage accumulation, fallen trees and failing infrastructure continue to test public trust in the city's ability to respond effectively.

Reality check confirms citizen experience

For this story, *DH* conducted a ground-level check by filing and tracking civic complaints across multiple platforms to examine how grievance redressal systems function in practice. Six complaints relating to footpath, garbage, street lights, road construction debris and sewage overflowing were lodged through apps such as Sahaaya 2.0, Jala doot, and Bescom Mithra, via helpline numbers (including WhatsApp numbers), and on social media such as X (formerly known as Twitter).

The complaints were immediately assigned a docket or serial number, but the issue persisted. The status after 24 hours: In progress. The complainants, including this reporter, did not receive calls or messages from the concerned officials.

This is a persistent experience for many. Arun Jagganath, a regular complainant on Sahaay 2.0, said, "I have filed hundreds of complaints against garbage and potholes several times, but the response is almost zero. The docket number gets issued, and that is it. Numerous follow-ups and calls have not led us anywhere either."

Ravi Krishna, a resident of Hanumanthagar, has filed multiple complaints on X (Twitter) but has received no response. "It is an exercise in futility. I tweet a complaint and get an immediate response from the Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC), which issues me a complaint number. Nothing more happens."

Some people have found more success with BESCOM Mitra and the BESCOM helpline number (1912) than with other civic agencies.

Sharath Kumar, a resident of Rajarajeshwari Nagar and a civic volunteer, said, "While it is not the greatest app or service, the helpline number is quite helpful. When the power is out, the person at the call centre provides the right information, and if they are unaware, connects to the right people. Also, when there are complaints on street lights in residential areas, and it's filed through their helpline number, the problem is taken up soon and solved."

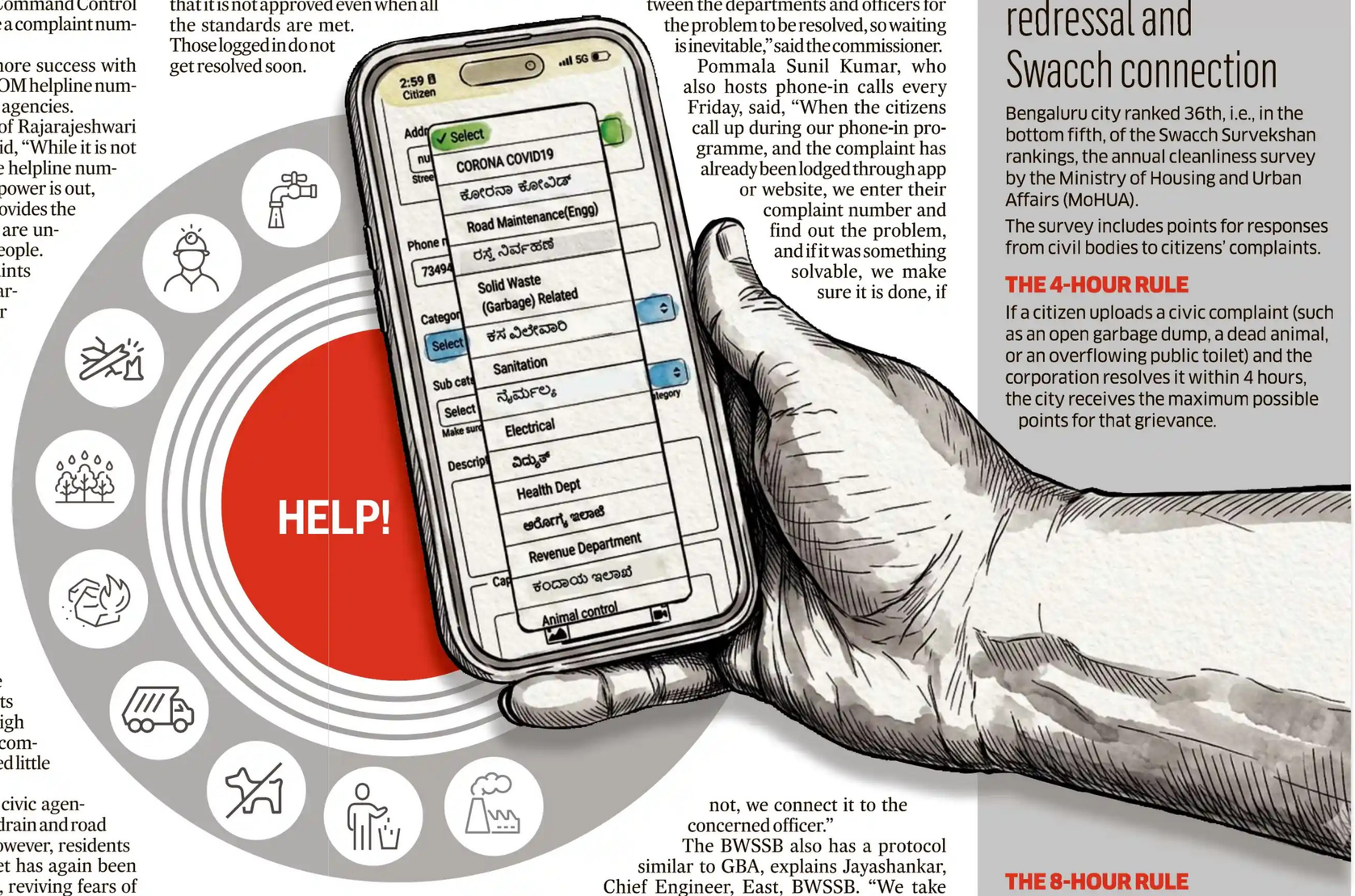
Many of the complainants have been tracking civic agencies for years, even going so far as to approach the High Court, but no real solutions have emerged.

Naveen B G, a resident of Mallathahalli, explained that residents in his locality have experienced recurring flooding since 2017, leaving many families living in constant fear during every rain spell. The flooding, allegedly linked to construction activity around the Sidvin Grace Apartment, prompted residents to approach the Karnataka High Court in 2021 after repeated complaints to civic authorities yielded little action.

Following court directions, civic agencies constructed a stormwater drain and road to improve rainwater flow. However, residents allege that the drainage outlet has again been obstructed since March 2026, reviving fears of flooding. Despite repeated representations, they say no effective action has been taken, raising concerns over urban flooding and civic accountability.

A resident of Yelahanka, who requested anonymity, expressed his frustration over a year-long civic and health crisis caused by the illegal dumping of unsegregated waste on a vacant plot near Ashwathnarayan Road. He says the site has become a persistent source of foul odour and a potential breeding ground for dengue, forcing some families to consider leaving the area. Despite repeated complaints through the Swachhata App, the Sahaaya portal, and to BSWML, residents allege that complaints are routinely closed without action, raising concerns about enforcement failures and accountability in Bengaluru's waste management and grievance redressal systems.

The complaint has extended to the Bengaluru Traffic Police. When citizens raise complaints on X, the BTP's usual response is to log it in the ASTRAM app. However, most regular users complain that it is not approved even when all the standards are met. Those logged in do not get resolved soon.



Sachin S K, a resident of Basavanagudi, said, "Every time we have reported a complaint on the X, we get a response to report it on the app, but the complaint always remains unresolved and/or pending forever."

What do the authorities say?

Explaining the grievance resolution protocol of the Greater Bengaluru Authority, Commissioner for North Corporation, Pommala Sunil Kumar, said that issues that can be resolved immediately are connected to the concerned officers and are solved as soon as possible.

The commissioner agreed that there have been complaints labelled as solved or closed, even though the issues on the ground have remained the same. "Sometimes the issues remain on the app or portals because the issue cannot be resolved immediately, and it takes a lot of integration between the departments and officers for the problem to be resolved, so waiting is inevitable," said the commissioner.

Pommala Sunil Kumar, who also hosts phone-in calls every Friday, said, "When the citizens call up during our phone-in programme, and the complaint has already been lodged through app or website, we enter their complaint number and find out the problem, and if it was something solvable, we make sure it is done, if not, we connect it to the concerned officer."

The BWSSB also has a protocol similar to GBA, explains Jayashankar, Chief Engineer, East, BWSSB. "We take complaints from helpline, online protocols, apps and people can also visit our regional offices to lodge the complaint. We try to resolve most of it in less than 24 hours from the time of registration of the complaint; if not, we aim for 48 hours," said Jayashankar.

For many citizens, the grievance redressal system is a grievance in itself. More than resolution, the system is about filing complaints, collecting docket numbers and waiting without clarity on the issue. While civic agencies insist that systems are in place and that thousands of complaints are addressed daily, recurring potholes, flooding, garbage black spots, and unresolved infrastructure failures continue to expose the gap between digital governance promises and on-the-ground accountability.

Complaint redressal and Swacch connection

Bengaluru city ranked 36th, i.e., in the bottom fifth, of the Swacch Survekshan rankings, the annual cleanliness survey by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

The survey includes points for responses from civil bodies to citizens' complaints.

THE 4-HOUR RULE

If a citizen uploads a civic complaint (such as an open garbage dump, a dead animal, or an overflowing public toilet) and the corporation resolves it within 4 hours, the city receives the maximum possible points for that grievance.

THE 8-HOUR RULE

If the resolution takes up to 8 hours, the score begins to decrease significantly.

THE 24-HOUR PENALTY

If a complaint takes more than 24 hours to resolve, the city receives zero points for that specific issue.

Addressing complaints early is one factor that will increase the city's ranking.

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METRO

Running Metro entirely on solar power would require policy, and infra changes: BMRCL

IISc study says Blue Line can offset annual energy demand through solar generation

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A recent IISc study has found that the upcoming Namma Metro Blue Line could meet its annual energy needs entirely through solar power generation.

However, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said such a transition would require policy changes and infrastructure upgrades.

The study, titled 'Assessing the Potential of Directly Using Solar Power to Run the Operations of Blue Line of Namma Metro', examined whether the nearly 55-km airport corridor connecting Central Silk Board and the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) could operate using solar energy generated on BMRCL-owned land.

The Blue Line, scheduled for completion by December 2027, is projected to become one of Karnataka's largest public infrastructure electricity consumers with an annual demand of 152 GWh under full operations, the study stated.

It found that solar panels installed on station rooftops, depot rooftops, station canopies, and viaduct structures could generate enough electricity to offset the corridor's yearly energy demand.

The report estimated that an installed solar capacity of 83.3 MWp would be sufficient to achieve full annual energy coverage.

The findings stated that nearly 30 MWp of rooftop solar capacity could be integrated immediately without modifications to the existing traction system, grid upgrades, battery storage, or land acquisition.

The first phase alone could offset 36.5% of the corridor's annual energy consumption.

Currently, the BMRCL generates about 15 MW of solar energy through panels installed on station rooftops, Director (Rolling Stock, Signalling and Electrical) Sumit Bhatnagar told *DH*.

"Soon, with the integration of the Pink Line, we will take it up to 20 MW. The BMRCL has been using solar power to provide energy to the stations, in addition to the electrical grid. So, the concept is not new. But for solar power to completely operate a metro line, we will need both policy and infrastructure changes," he said.

Bhatnagar said existing policy caps do not allow the BMRCL to store excess solar power generated.

"At the end of the day, we will be dependent on Bescom, even if we increase our dependency on solar power. However, we can use solar power to reach net zero energy consumption," he added.

Currently, each metro station produces about 300 kW of solar energy per day on average. For the study's proposal to be implemented, stations would need to generate 1 MW, Bhatnagar said.

The study estimated the first phase, focused on station rooftops, would cost between Rs 48 crore and Rs 63 crore, with a payback period of under two years.

Over the project's lifetime, savings exceeding Rs 2,600 crore are projected.

Cleaner commute

The study also highlighted environmental benefits, stating that full-scale deployment across the Blue Line could reduce nearly 78,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually, equivalent to removing around 19,000 petrol cars from the city's roads.

E-autos handed over to women drivers in city

BENGALURU, DHNS: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Friday distributed 10 electric autos to women and transgender drivers in Bengaluru as part of an initiative aimed at promoting women's empowerment and sustainable urban mobility.

Under the initiative, the selected beneficiaries received specialised training from organisations including B.PAC and the Peace Auto Union.

Authorities also ensured that all beneficiaries possessed valid driving licences and underwent the necessary training to safely and professionally operate electric autos.

The programme has prioritised widows, single mothers, women without family support and transgender persons, with a focus on strengthening their financial independence, the minister said, adding that financial independence among women is an important step towards social empowerment.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Job Fair: BK Ravi, Jose Koikkal to attend; Organised by Don Bosco College, KR Puram; 8 am.

Release of Mathematics Resource Book: Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, HS Nagaraj to attend; Organised by M Shankar and Brothers; Jayarama Seva Mandali, 8th Block, Jayanagar; from 10.30 am onwards.

Discussion: On Shashi Ranjan Kumar's 'The Decline of the Hindu Civilisation: Lessons From the Past'; BK Ravi, Jayakar Shetty M to attend; Organised by Bengaluru University and Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University; Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Central College campus; from 11 am onwards.

Gamaka Reading and Lecture: Reading on 'Kumaravyasa Bharata Virataparvada Uttarana Paurusha' by N Srimathi Jayaram; Organised by Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad Bengaluru North District Committee and MES Kalavedi; MES Prof BR Subbarao PU College, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura; 5 pm.

CULTURAL

'Shivapadam-Nritya Vaibhavam': Discourse by Samavedam Shanmukha Sharma; Mohan Manghnani, Tejasvi Surya and R Ganesh to attend; Organised by Pravachana Rajatotsavam; New Horizon College of Engineering, Marathahalli; 5 pm.

'Mishra Madhurya' Sugama Sangeetha: Folk and Devotional Songs by Rashmi Nataraj and Raksha Nataraj, Navyashree (violin), RK Gangadhar (tabla); Organised at Ragigudda Sri Prasanna Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Jayanagar; 6.30 pm.

Play: 'Ayomaya'; Directed by Gaurish Joshi; Organised by Yuvaka Sangha's 'Free Space' platform; C Ashwath Kalabhavan, NR Colony; from 7 pm onwards.

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FORECAST

Thunderstorm with rain

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	30.7°C
Minimum	19.2°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	68%
Sunset (May 23)	6:40 pm
Sunrise (May 24)	5:53 am
Moonrise	11:19 am
Moonset	--:-- pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

Housing, other facilities for sanitation workers: Mahadevappa

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** The government has decided to provide housing, education, and other basic infrastructure and health facilities to safai karmacharis, Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa (HCM) said on Friday.

He was speaking at the 9th State Monitoring Committee meeting under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act.

There are more than 7,000 safai karmacharis in the state, and all departments of the government must work systematically towards ensuring their welfare, he said.

'Worse than a jail': Upa Lokayukta on poor condition of Mandya girls' hostels

▸ **MANDYA, DHNS:** Upa Lokayukta B Veerappa paid a surprise visit to two girls' hostels run by the Scheduled Castes Welfare and Social Welfare Department in the city on Friday and expressed outrage over poor maintenance and inadequate facilities.

Students complained of unhygienic food, frequent illness, lack of medical care, cramped rooms, poor lighting and insufficient toilets.

Veerappa criticised officials after finding 100 students housed in a narrow rented building under poor conditions.

Calling the hostels "worse than a jail", he directed officials to shift students to a better building within 15 days and said a suo motu case would be filed.

Cong GBA poll manifesto panels

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** Karnataka Congress on Friday announced the manifesto committees for the five municipal corporations of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) ahead of the polls.

The KPCC president stated that as the elections to the five corporations were being held for the fist time since the GBA came into being, the party hopes to evolve a comprehensive manifesto factoring in the needs of a growing city – from basic amenities, citizen-friendly administration to new development projects.

The five committees will be headed by MLA Sharatkumar Bachegowda (Bengaluru East Corporation), former MP V S Ugrappa (Bengaluru South), MLA Rizwan Arshad (Bengaluru Central), former MLC V R Sudharshan (Bengaluru North) and former MP Prof M V Rajeev Gowda (Bengaluru West).

The manifesto committees will hold meetings with local leaders and collect information on key issues, besides convening meetings with leaders of minorities, backward classes, SC/ST communities and others.

Govt steps up Ebola preparedness; docs stress early detection

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

As the Union Health Ministry on Friday directed States and Union Territories to step up Ebola preparedness measures, doctors in Bengaluru warned that early detection, contact tracing and proper infection-control practices would be crucial in containing any suspected case of the highly infectious hemorrhagic fever.

The ministry has directed the hospitals to identify designated isolation facilities and dedicated ambulances, with requisite infection prevention and control measures in place and to ensure availability of trained healthcare personnel, personal protective equipment (PPE), logistics, laboratory support and critical care capacities.

Speaking to *DH*, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "There is no need to panic, we are taking active measures and have dedicated centres. The state also has issued an advisory."

Usually, the symptoms of Ebola are similar to malaria, flu and other viral fevers, which include fever, tiredness, muscle pain, sore throat and weakness. As the disease progresses, cases of internal and external bleeding are reported.

"Ebola spreads quickly and can cause severe illness with a high death rate. The virus damages blood vessels, weakens the immune system, and can lead to heavy bleeding, organ failure, and shock. Ebola spreads through direct contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person or animal. Patients often need intensive medical care," Dr Swati Rajagopal, senior consultant (Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine).

Bengaluru, inherently connected with global business, tourism and the dense population across the city, makes it more vulnerable.

"Every day, thousands of international passengers move through the city, hence surveillance at airports and hospitals becomes really crucial. There have been 2026 reports about the Ebola outbreak in Central Africa already, and pushing India towards stronger airport screening and health monitoring systems. The toughest part is finding asymptomatic contacts. Bengaluru has a dense urban population plus high mobility, and if the preparedness is delayed, the virus spread is quicker," Dr Aishwarya R, consultant (Infectious Diseases).

Speaking about the precautions, Dr Sandeep S Reddy, Infectious Disease specialist, said, "Maintaining personal hygiene, getting tested after international travel if there are any symptoms and a 10-day quarantine are some of the basic measures we can follow for now."

Centres for treatment

The health department has identified Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) in Bengaluru as the isolation centre and Epidemic Diseases Hospital has been designated as the quarantine and treatment centre.

In Mangaluru, Srinivas Port Hospital, NMPA, has been identified as the quarantine centre, and Wenlock District Hospital, Mangaluru, has been designated as the isolation and treatment centre.

Dedicated ambulance services have also been kept ready for the transportation of suspected patients to the designated hospitals. Samples from suspected Ebola cases will be collected and sent through NIV Bengaluru for confirmatory testing at NIV Pune.

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[Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

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2. Mr. Nanjundappa G, No.03, 4th Cross, Byralingappa Road, Hanumanthayya Layout, Chikkasandra, T-Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.35,54,697/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Seven Only)** as on **04.10.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th Day of May of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Mahalakshmipuram Branch Bengaluru,** for **Loan A/c No. MTL/55** for an amount of **Rs. 39,05,974/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four Only) at Mahalakshmipuram as on 15.05.2026** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of The Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable House Property bearing No.3, PID No.12-96-3, situated at 4th Cross, Chikkasandra, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West 25+27/2 feet and North to South 36+39/2 feet and bounded on: East by: Site bearing No.4, West by: Private Property, North by : Road, South by: Property belonging to Doreswamy.

Date : 18.05.2026
Place : Bangalore

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Dr. Manjula Kumar R K

Sri. Kumar R

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(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged property of the Borrower)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential Flats Bearing No. 582/G/G-1, Constructed in the Stilt+G+2 Upper floor residential building at Site No.582/G, Khata No.888, situated at Vinayaka HBCS Layout, Nagarabhavi Bengaluru measuring 1600 Sq Feet and bounded on : East by: Site No.582/F, West by: Drainage, North by: Site No.582/A and B, South by: Road.

Date : 19.05.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd

Metro Railway, Kolkata

CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum No. 1 to **Tender No. SNT-WORKS-19-2026 (Open Tender), Closing Date/Time: 08.06.2026 at 15.00 hrs. Name of Works:** Augmentation of TETRA System for Green, Purple & Orange Lines of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Items Modified: Schedule-A, Item-1: Item Description: Existing Value:** Supply of Geo-redundant voice logger with 120 channel including warranty for 3 years. Inspection by consignee. **Modified Value:** Supply of Geo-redundant voice logger with 120 channel. Inspection by consignee. **Schedule-A, Item-2: Item Description: Existing Value:** Supply of Playback client with accessories for voice logger including warranty for 3 years. Inspection by consignee. **Modified Value:** Supply of Playback client with accessories for voice logger. Inspection by consignee. **New Items Added: Document Description:** Updated Tender Document, **File Name:** TenderDocument190526.pdf. **Items Deleted: File Name:** TenderDocument070526.pdf **Document Description:** TENDER DOCUMENT.

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Due to some unavoidable circumstances NIT No. **213/PR/JBVNL/2025-26 & 216/PR/JBVNL/2025-26** is hereby cancelled.

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E-Tender Notice No. S&T/APDJ/05; dated: 20-05-2026. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **SN.1. E-Tender No.: AP-ST-05-2026-27; Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Siemens make Electronic Interlocking at 16 Stations for a period of Three (03) years i.e. 36 Months in Alipurduar Division. **Advertised Tender Value:** ₹5,06,98,414.08; **Bid Security:** ₹10,14,000.00. E-tenders will be **closed at** 15:00 hrs. on 10-06-2026 and **will be opened** on 10-06-2026 after closing. The complete information with tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in.

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Tender Notice No. CAO-CN-RSP-ROB-3-2026 DATED 20.05.2026

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Road Safety Projects, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Cash value (₹.)	Closing Date and time
1	**Tender no: CAO-CN-RSP-ROB-7-2026** SALEM Division - JTJ-ED section - Proposed Rebuilding of BRNo:352 1x11.50x5.50 and extension as 1x11.50x5.50 Pre cast (Air Push Method)/ cast - in - situ RCC box at ED yard	**29,72,38,036**	11.06.2026 15.00 hrs
2	**Tender no: CAO-CN-RSP-ROB-08-2026** CHENNAI DIVISION - MAS - GDR section - Proposed Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of LC No:2 at km 2A/40-42 (KOK) with 1 X 60 m steel camel back truss type girder between Basin Bridge Jn and Korkkupet stations	**16,88,21,657**	

For further details, please refer to web site portal www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, Road Safety Projects, Southern Railway,E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction,
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Filling up the post of Chairman & Members in the Data Protection Board of India

The Government of India has established the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) under Section 18 of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. The Board has been established as a body corporate with the mandate to function as an independent adjudicatory authority for the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Act. The DPBI is envisaged as a digital-by-design institution, aligned with the Government's objective of ensuring efficient, transparent, and technology-enabled governance. It is empowered to inquire into personal data breaches and instances of non-compliance, issue appropriate directions for mitigation and remediation, and impose monetary penalties, in accordance with the provisions of the DPDP Act and the DPDP Rules 2025 framed thereunder. The Board consists of a Chairperson and four other Members.

Applications are invited for filling up the post of the Chairperson and four other Members. For application format, eligibility conditions, requisite qualifications, pay and allowances, and other details, log on to Ministry's website www.meity.gov.in.

Application in the prescribed proforma should reach the Deputy Secretary (Personnel), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, 6 CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003, within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News. [p.victor@nic.in]

CBC 06101/11/0006/2627

F.No.CA-05/17/2025-CAU and ASRB
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION (DARE),
KRISHI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI-110001

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Department of Agricultural Research & Education is inviting applications for the post of Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur. The post carries emoluments and other conditions of the service of the Vice-Chancellor as per the provisions of the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992.

The completed application (hard copy) in the prescribed proforma must reach The Committee (VC Selection) Office of the Secretary, DARE and D.G, ICAR Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Room No. 108, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 by **06.07.2026** at 5:00 P.M.

Complete details of the specifications for this position and other information can be accessed on the website of DARE, ICAR and Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur. (http://dare.gov.in/, https://icar.org.in/ and http://www.cau.ac.in/)

Note:- Applications received after the last date and time or incomplete in any respect shall be summarily rejected.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

(i)	Opening date for On-line Registration of Application	01.05.2026; 10:00 AM
(ii)	Last date of On-line Submission of Application with Fee	31.05.2026; 11:59 PM

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Place: New Delhi
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Sikkim University announces admission to Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) and Ph.D programmes for the Academic Session 2026-27 in the following Departments/Centre.

1. Anthropology (MA/M.Sc, Ph.D)
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3. Botany (M.Sc, Ph.D)
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7. Computer Applications (MCA, Ph.D)
8. Economics (MA, Ph.D)
9. Education (MA, M.Ed, Ph.D)
10. English (MA, Ph.D)
11. Geography (MA/M.Sc, Ph.D)
12. Geology (M.Sc Ph.D and M.Sc in Envs,)
13. Hindi (FYUG, MA, Ph.D)
14. History (MA, PhD)
15. Horticulture (M.Sc, Ph.D)
16. International Relations (MA)
17. Law (LLM)
18. Lepcha (MA)
19. Library Science (MLib.I.Sc)
20. Limbu (MA)
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23. Mathematics (M.Sc, Ph.D)
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25. Music (FYUG, MPA, Ph.D)
26. Nepali (MA, Ph.D)
27. PCSM (MA, Ph.D)
28. Physics (M.Sc, Ph.D)
29. Political Science (MA)
30. Psychology (FYUG, MA/M.Sc, Ph.D)
31. Sociology (MA)
32. Tourism (MTTM, Ph.D)
33. Zoology (M.Sc, Ph.D)
34. Centre for Buddhist Studies (MA in Buddhist Studies)

CUET score is mandatory for admission to UG and PG programmes in Sikkim University. Link for online Registration for admission will be available on the University Website https://www.cus.ac.in from 25th May 2026 to 10 June, 2026 (till midnight). (Any changes in the registration dates due to late publication of CUET results for UG programme will be notified in University website).

The online application form for Ph.D admission will be available on the University Website. https://www.cus.ac.in from 25th May to 10 June, 2026 (till midnight).

Candidates applying for Ph.D programme are advised to read the Prospectus for eligibility, intake, admission procedure, admission calendar, fee structure, date of entrance test against the vacancy/ interview uploaded on the University Website.

CBC 21318/11/0001/2627

Sd/- REGISTRAR

Joyalukkas unveils mega jewellery festival

Joyalukkas unveiled its 'Biggest Jewellery Festival of the Year' campaign. This is a landmark celebration rewarding customers who give a magnificent new life to their old, inactive gold. It's on across all Joyalukkas showrooms till June 14, 2026. This festival offers two major benefits – no deduction on exchange of old gold from any jeweller and 40 per cent discount on making charges of gold, diamond, precious stone, platinum and silver jewellery.

With over a million designs to choose from - across Indian traditional, contemporary, Italian, Turkish, ethnic-contemporary and global styles - this festival caters to everyone's taste, all occasions and every budget.

For those who want to liquidate their old gold, Joyalukkas offers 'cash for old gold in just 15 minutes'. Dr Joy Alukkas, CMD, Joyalukkas Group, said, "Old gold holds immense value not only for individual families but for the entire nation. Every piece of inactive gold that comes into circulation strengthens India's economy. Through this festival, while offering exceptional savings to our customers, we want to provide a wonderful opportunity to transform that latent value into beautiful new jewellery. We invite you to visit the nearest Joyalukkas showroom and experience a rewarding, genuine jewellery journey"."

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Pvt schools object to RTE quota extension for SC/ST students up to class 10

Call it violation of Act, mull legal action against govt

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka, a private schools' body, has raised objections to the state government's decision to extend Right to Education (RTE) benefits for SC/ST students up to class 10, without bringing an amendment to the Act.

In a letter to the Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, the association said that extending the free and compulsory education for SC/ST students up to class 10 under the RTE Act without bringing the amendment will attract legal actions. "This will force us to take up legal battle against the state government."

CM Siddaramaiah, in the budget, had made an announcement allowing SC/ST students who have taken admissions under the RTE quota and studied till class 8 in 2025-26 to continue their studies for class 9 and 10 at the same school under the quota. Following the same, the Department of School Education has issued a notification on Thursday instructing all district-level officials to effectively implement the same.

"We welcome the extension of RTE benefits, but not without bringing an amendment. We also demanded a revision of the per-student cost for RTE fee reimbursement," the association stated in the letter.

"This is a violation of the RTE statutory age limit. Section 3 of the RTE Act, 2009, limits free and compulsory education to children aged 6 to 14 years. Extending benefits to students beyond this age without amendment is against the Act," said D Shashi Kumar, general secretary of the forum.

He stated that, as per the HC's direction, we sought the government to declare per-child expenditure annually and reimburse the unaided schools based on actual expenditure of more than 50 components. The department has ignored this, he said.

VIT-AP University holds 9th University Day

(Left to right) Dr P Arulmozhivarman, R Balachandran, Dr Ravi Shankar Ayyanar, Dr G Viswanathan, Prasath P and Dr G V Selvam after signing the MoU

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)-AP University celebrated its 9th University Day on Thursday at its Amaravati campus, marking another significant milestone in the institution's journey of academic excellence, innovation and social commitment.

A highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CID, AP Police and VIT-AP University. The MoU was formally exchanged between Dr Ravi Shankar Ayyanar, IPS, DGP-CID, and Dr P Arulmozhivarman, Vice Chancellor, VIT-AP University, in the presence of Dr G Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT University.

Prosthetic legs developed by VIT-AP University in collaboration with Buimerc India Foundation were distributed on the occasion by R Balachandran, Founder President and Managing Trustee, Buimerc India Foundation.

The university honoured outstanding achievements across various categories - Best Outgoing Student Award, Student Merit Awards – 2026, Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards, Best Clubs and Chapters Awards, Sports Excellence Achievement Awards and Special Recognition Award – Student.

Guest of honour, Prasath P, Director – Head of Campus Relations, HCLTech, Chennai, appreciated the university's contribution to higher education and innovation.

"VIT-AP University is playing a significant role in nurturing future-ready talent and promoting socially-impactful innovations. The institution's efforts towards research, entrepreneurship and community service are truly commendable", he said.

Dr G Viswanathan congratulated the recipients of awards. "The 9th University Day is a celebration of dedication, perseverance and collective achievement. We remain committed to providing world-class education while fostering innovation, leadership and societal responsibility among students", he said.

Dr G V Selvam, Vice President, VIT Group, said, "At VIT-AP University, we strive to create an environment that nurtures innovation, character and global competence. Our focus remains on empowering students with knowledge, values and opportunities that prepare them to contribute meaningfully to society."

Dr P Arulmozhivarman presented the annual developments and achievements of the university. "Today's students need adaptability, creativity and a strong sense of purpose. VIT-AP University is fostering these qualities by creating a vibrant ecosystem that encourages innovation, collaboration and continuous learning."

VIT-AP University's registrar Dr Jagadish Chandra, deputy director – student welfare Dr Khadeer Pasha, faculty members, students and staff, along with industry leaders and guests, attended the celebration.

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VTU announces engg results in 10 minutes after completion of exams

BENGALURU, DHNS

Result history

- In May 2025, results for the 2021 batch (50,321 students) were announced within one hour of exam completion.
- In May 2024, results for the 2020 batch (37,011 students) were announced within 3 hours.
- In 2023, results for the 2019 batch (43,662 students) were announced two days after the exam.

The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has created a history by breaking its own record by announcing results of the final semester of engineering examinations in just 10 minutes after the exams were concluded.

A total of 56,192 students appeared for the B E and B Tech final semester exams. The exam ended at 5:30 pm on Friday, and by 5:40 pm, the results were announced with the students achieving a pass percentage of 99.98.

Earlier, in 2025, the varsity created a record by announcing results within one hour of the completion of the exams. As shared by the university authorities, the results were directly sent to students' mobile numbers soon after they were announced. VTU Vice-Chancellor S Vidyashankar said, "VTU has always been at the forefront of adopting technology. This result itself is proof that the VTU is student-friendly. Announcing results within 10 minutes after the completion of the exams is not an easy task. I congratulate the administrative staff, exam section staff, and affiliated college staff who made this possible. Final-year students eagerly wait for results for the purpose of jobs and higher education. So, we ensured a quick announcement." Registrar (Evaluation) U J Ujwal added, "We adopted a digital evaluation of answer scripts and prepared in advance to announce results quickly. This was possible with the support of every staff member."

Students can see the result in the website https://results.vtu.ac.in

AN ARDUOUS JOURNEY

After several days of complex operations, a massive radiation endshield, meant for Units 5 and 6 of the Nuclear Power Plant at Kaiga in the Uttara Kannada district, finally reached its destination on Friday. The 120-tonne protective structure had overturned earlier this month near Hartuga in Karwar taluk after a tyre burst on the winding Kaiga road, triggering a challenging rescue effort involving heavy-duty cranes brought from Pune and Hyderabad. Designed to ensure radiation safety and prevent leakage within the nuclear plant, the endshield began its journey from Surat (Gujarat) on February 9. The transportation responsibility had been undertaken by Nabros Transport. In the photo, the equipment, which had overturned, is seen repositioned to facilitate its onward transportation near Hartuga. DH PHOTO/GANAPATHI HEGDE

'Govt will start recruitment of guest teachers in June'

SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS

The government will start the recruitment of guest teachers for schools as early as June, announced Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa in Shivamogga on Friday, adding that as many as 52,000 guest teachers would be recruited.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will flag off the Karnataka Public School (KPS) initiative in Shivamogga on June 1," said Madhu, who examined the preparations for the big event at the Allamaprabhu Ground in Shivamogga.

As many as 1,000 KPS institutions, including 19 in Shivamogga, will come up across the state, said Madhu.

"A sum of Rs 3.5 crore will be allocated to each KPS institution. The KPS model is now being emulated in other states, such as Telangana, where the government has announced the development of Telangana Public Schools. Officials from the Telangana Education Department had come to Bengaluru to study the KPS model," said the minister.

Many shortcomings in the Education Department have been addressed, and there has been a marked improvement in the quality of education being imparted to students, said Madhu. "The fact that there was a 6.4% increase in the number of SSLC students who secured first class in the 2026 examinations attests to this," he added.

Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa inspects the arrangements at the Allamaprabhu Ground in Shivamogga, where CM Siddaramaiah is set to flag off the KPS initiative on June 1, on Friday.

Nikhil questions lapses in Gruha Lakshmi implementation

BENGALURU, DHNS: JD(S) Youth Wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy on Friday sought answers from the state government on lapses in the implementation of the Gruha Lakshmi scheme – one of the Congress government's flagship guarantee schemes.

"In 2024-25, the Gruha Lakshmi instalment was credited for ten months. The money was not credited for the months of February and March. Although a sum of Rs 5,000 crore was earmarked in the budget for the scheme, the money was not disbursed. The government must tell us when the money will be credited or disclose accounts if the money was used elsewhere."

Pointing out that the minister concerned had not issued any clarification on the failure to credit instalments for two months, Nikhil said, "We suspect massive irregularities." He demanded a clarification from the government.

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HC reduces sentence observing conduct of accused shifting victim to hospital

Directs petitioner to pay compensation of Rs 1L to deceased's wife, son

BENGALURU, DHNS

The High Court of Karnataka has reduced the sentence from one year imprisonment to one day imprisonment after considering the conduct of the accused in shifting the injured accident victim to the hospital.

The court has directed the petitioner Riyaz Ahmed to pay an enhanced fine amount of Rs 1,00,000 in two equal instalments, to the wife and son of deceased Anand Shetty.

The accident occurred at about 6.30 pm on July 15, 2015, when Anand Shetty was crossing the National Highway 66, near Beach Cross Road. The car driven by Riyaz Ahmed knocked down Anand Shetty. A seriously injured Anand Shetty was shifted to a private hospital where he succumbed the next day.

On October 21, 2017, the trial court held Riyaz Ahmed guilty under section 304A of the IPC for causing death by negligence. The court sentenced him to undergo one-year simple imprisonment with Rs 5,000 fine, payable to the dependents of the deceased. This order was confirmed by the Sessions court at Mangalore in February 2018.

Challenging the conviction and sentencing, it was argued that Riyaz Ahmed did not run away from the accident spot and shifted the injured in his own car, which is a mitigating circumstance. It was further submitted that after the accident, Riyaz lost his job as a driver, and he is now eking out a livelihood by other small jobs.

Justice V Srishananda noted that justice would be met if the conviction is upheld and the sentence is reduced to one-day simple imprisonment along with enhancement of the compensation.

"Taking note of the immediate conduct of the petitioner soon after the accident in shifting the injured to the hospital in his own car and his willingness to pay the enhanced fine amount to the dependants of the deceased, apart from the compensation received by the dependants of the deceased before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, this Court is of the considered opinion that sentence needs modification," the court said.

Seven youths arrested for 'assaulting' BRIMS doctor

BIDAR, DHNS: A group of youths, in an inebriated state, allegedly assaulted a duty doctor accusing him of negligence in providing treatment at Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences (BRIMS) on Thursday night. The victim Dr Tukaram Machinder is undergoing treatment at the hospital.

The police have arrested seven youths involved in the incident. They are Aditya Krishnaji Gummal (21) of Tajlapur village in Bidar taluk, Vinod Basavaraj Koli (26) and Pavan Basavaraj Koli of Chambol village, Govind Keshavrao Chavan (28) of Benakanalli village in Bidar taluk, Mahadev Chatrabhuj Chavan (23), Balaji Krishnaji Gummal (23) and Anil Dilip Kachhave (25) of Ahmedpur in Latur district of Maharashtra. Police said they had launched a search operation to arrest a few more people involved in the attack. New Town Station police have filed a case based on the complaint filed by Machinder.

Vijay Singh Tukaram Chavan of Benakanalli visited the hospital to get treatment for an injury after falling from his motorbike. Machinder provided primary treatment and sent him for scanning. However, the scanning doctor asked the injured person's friends to get Medico-Legal Case (MLC) written on the referral letter from the doctor. When they approached Machinder, he maintained that such a recommendation was not required citing that the youth had sustained a minor injury. Enraged over this, the youths "assaulted" the doctor.

Heavy rains pound Vijayanagar, Davangere; traffic on NH 50 hit for six hours

BENGALURU, DHNS: Parts of north and south interior Karnataka, including Vijayanagar, Haveri, Davangere, Chitradurga, Tumakuru and Chamarajanagar districts, experienced heavy rains with gusty winds on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday that damaged houses and crops, uprooted hundreds of trees and electricity poles and affected traffic.

Heavy rains in the small hours of Friday in Hosapete and surrounding areas flooded National Highway 50 near Mariyammanahalli affecting vehicular movement on the stretch for over six hours. Construction of a bridge, a service road and an underpass only made matters worse. Hundreds of vehicles stranded on the flooded road for hours. The traffic eased only after 12 noon.

Davangere city and parts of the district, including Harihar and Jagalur, continued to witness thundershowers on Friday. Skies opened up at 5.30 am and it poured for the next two-and-a-half hours. The showers flooded houses and shops in low-lying areas.

Ready-to-harvest paddy and onion cultivated on hundreds of acres at several villages in Davangere taluk has been damaged in the rain. Banana plantations, hundreds of arecanut and papaya trees have been brought down by gusty winds and heavy rain in the district. Davangere city recorded 34 mm of rain in just two hours.

Children wade through a flooded road at Shankar Vihar Layout in Davangere. The city received heavy rains in the small hours of Friday. DH PHOTO/SATISH BADIGER

Heavy rain and road works hit vehicular movement on NH 50 near Mariyammanahalli in Hosapete taluk, on Friday.

Many parts of Chitradurga district, including the city, Hiriyur, Molkalmuru, Nayakanahatti and Challakere, also witnessed sharp showers on Friday morning.

Rains, coupled with gusty winds, uprooted dozens of trees and electricity poles in Rattihalli and Ranebennur taluks of Haveri district. Power supply to several villages in both the taluks have been affected. Tumakuru district continued to see thundershowers. Y N Hosakote in Pavagad taluk recorded 46 mm of rain in the last 24 hours (ending at 8.30 am on Friday).

In Chamarajanagar district, Hanur and surrounding villages received heavy rains late Thursday night. Roads have been washed away due to heavy rain at Martalli village of Hanur taluk. Several districts in south interior Karnataka are likely to witness thundershowers for next three to four days, according to the weather department.

Withdrawal of Aland riot cases: BJP calls it appeasement, Cong defends

Shivakumar says 'nothing wrong' with Cabinet decision

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Opposition BJP accused the Congress of "crossing all limits of appeasement" after the Cabinet decided to withdraw cases in the 2022 Ladle Mashaikh Dargah rioting, which the government defended.

On Thursday, the Cabinet decided to withdraw prosecution in 52 criminal cases. The government pointed out that cases against farmers and pro-Kannada activists, too, had been withdrawn.

At least eight cases connected with rioting in Kalaburagi's Aland are being withdrawn based on a petition by the managing committee of the Dargah Hazrat Malikul Mashaikh Makdoom Ladle Ansari (Sunni), which was espoused by Speaker U T Khader.

"All governments withdraw cases booked during pro-farmer, pro-Dalit and pro-Kannada protests. We support this. But what message is the government trying to send by withdrawing cases involving SDPI and Muslim goondas who damage public property and attack officials?" BJP's V Sunil Kumar asked.

"After realising that its Muslim vote bank is getting lost, the (Congress) government is crossing all limits of appeasement politics with one decision after another," Kumar said. "Let there be no surprise if Namaz is offered before every Cabinet meeting. That will be peak appeasement," he said.

Kumar, the Karkala MLA, asked the government to clarify if the police department had concurred with the plan to withdraw cases. "In several states, voters have rejected such appeasement politics," he charged.

V SUNIL KUMAR
BJP MLA

"Let there be no surprise if Namaz is offered before every Cabinet meeting. That will be peak appeasement.

G PARAMESHWARA
Home Minister

"After discussing each case and considering all the facts, it was felt that these could be legally withdrawn.

According to BJP state president B Y Vijayendra, there was "an act of defecation and urination" at the Raghava Chaitanya Shivalinga in the Dargah. "... during that time, the heinous crime and despicable communal riot involving stone-pelting with lethal weapons on the vehicles of the then union minister, district collector and SP have been withdrawn by this Tughlaq government," he said.

Home Minister G Parameshwara said the cases were withdrawn as per procedure.

"Pro-Kannada organisations and farmers' organisations had been giving representations on cases against them for several years now. The government referred it to a Cabinet sub-committee. After discussing each case individually, the sub-committee felt these cases could be legally withdrawn," Parameshwara said.

Asked about the grounds on which cases linked to the Ladle Mashaikah Dargah violence were withdrawn, Parameshwara said: "I don't want to speak in detail."

When pointed out that even the police were targeted during the violence, Parameshwara said: "The decision was made after considering all those facts. It wasn't sudden."

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said there was "nothing wrong" with the Cabinet decision.

Do-or-die struggle for cabinet berth: Belur Gopalakrishna

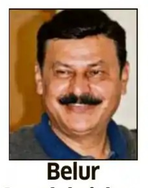
SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS

Congress MLA Belur Gopalakrishna on Friday said that at least 30-35 party legislators will travel to New Delhi by May 28 or 29 to pressure the party leadership to effect a cabinet reshuffle in the state.

He told reporters here, "We have decided on a do-or-die struggle over the issue of cabinet berths."

"The party should take a clear decision in this regard within 15 days. If not, we have other thoughts. Accordingly, we will take a strict stand," he said.

Gopalakrishna said 25 MLAs had gone to New Delhi to seek cabinet berths last time. Now, the number of aspirants has increased. The MLAs will leave for Delhi on May 28 or 29. This time, the cabinet reshuffle will surely happen, he expressed hope.


Belur Gopalakrishna.

He said the cabinet reshuffle should have happened when the government completed two and a half years in office. The present ministers have enjoyed power for six more months. "There is no rule that they should be in the ministerial positions. We are seeking opportunities for us by removing them. The cabinet reshuffle is inevitable for the strengthening of the party," he claimed.

Gopalakrishna said no one is speaking about the cabinet reshuffle. But recently, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has spoken about it, he added. He also clarified that the change of chief minister is related to the party's high command.

'Say Jai Sri Ram instead of 'Yes Sir' during attendance'

BENGALURU, PTI: BJP MLA G Janardhan Reddy has endorsed a reported statement by former party leader and MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal, calling on students to respond with 'Jai Sri Ram' instead of 'Yes Sir' when teachers call their names during attendance in classrooms.

The recent statement by Reddy, a former minister, is circulating on social media.

"Yatnal has nothing to do with our party, but has said a big thing," he said in Koppal.

Tumakuru to be renamed as Tumakuru (B'luru North) dist: HM

'Bengaluru North sounds attractive to industrialists than Tumakuru'

TUMAKURU, DHNS

Home and District Incharge Minister G Parameshwara on Friday said that Tumakuru district would be renamed in the format of "Tumakuru (Bengaluru North) district."

He was speaking after inaugurating the South India-level MSME conference and industrial expo organised by Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) in the city.

He said, "For industrialists coming from countries such as the US and England to invest, Bengaluru North sounds more attractive than Tumakuru. Then, they will come forward to establish industries."

"I was born and brought up here itself. The identity of the district will not be harmed. The name will not be changed under any circumstances. The district will be developed as a part of Bengaluru, and I will make all efforts in this regard," he said.

Home Minister G Parameshwara inaugurates a South India-level MSME conference and industrial exhibition organised by Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) in Tumakuru on Friday. DH PHOTO

He said 20,000 acres had been reserved to develop an industrial hub at Vasanthanarasapura on the outskirts of the city.

"Even after 20 years, development has not happened to the expected level. About 500 acres were allotted for a Japanese township, but nothing has happened so far. The government will provide necessary infrastructure, and industrialists should pay attention to this," he said.

Parameshwara expressed concern that cottage industries such as carpentry and weaving had declined due to modernisation.

He said Karnataka has 24 lakh small industries employing around 2.5 crore people. "If proper encouragement is given on the lines of China, the sector can witness much more growth. Necessary technologies, including artificial intelligence, should be adopted at the earliest. Otherwise, other countries will overtake us and move ahead," he warned.

KASSIA president B R Ganesh Rao said small industries are the backbone of economic strength and generate the highest income after agriculture. A diamond jubilee souvenir of KASSIA was also released on the occasion.

'Metro DPR Submitted'

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for extending the metro line from Madavara in Bengaluru to Tumakuru was submitted on Thursday, Home and Tumakuru District in-charge minister G. Parameshwara said.

He said the project would be taken up under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. "Discussions on the metro extension have been going on for the last ten years. Tender and other related processes will be taken up in the coming days," he added.

Parameshwara also said discussions would be held with the Chief Minister regarding the implementation of a separate industrial policy for small-scale industries.

HAL expansion

Parameshwara said land has been identified to allot an additional 300 acres for the HAL unit at Gubbi.

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No nod for 'Cockroach Janata Party Karnataka' gathering, say cops

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Bengaluru City Police on Friday said that no permission has been granted for a gathering of the 'Cockroach Janata Party Karnataka' at the Town Hall on May 24.

In a statement, the Bengaluru City Police said that they came across a poster circulated on social media under the header 'Cockroach Janata Party Karnataka'. The poster had an invitation to gather in large numbers at 11 am and form a "peaceful human chain."

"It is hereby informed that no application has been received from any individual/organisation/political party seeking permission to conduct the above-mentioned program near Town Hall, and no official permission has been granted in this regard. Further, no permission has been obtained from the GBA office for the use of the said location for the programme," the police said.

BENGALURU CITY POLICE

"As per a Karnataka High Court order dated August 1, 2022, protests/dharna/rallies are not permitted at places other than Freedom Park.

They also said that, as per a Karnataka High Court order dated August 1, 2022, protests/dharna/rallies are not permitted at places other than Freedom Park.

"Therefore, people assembling in front of Town Hall in violation of this order would amount to a clear breach of the Hon'ble Court's directions. Hence, the public is advised not to knowingly or unknowingly forward/share the said message through social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Twitter, etc., and not to gather near Town Hall. This notice is issued in the public interest to create awareness about the law," the police said.

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New Institute of Nephrology and Urology in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government has approved a new Institute of Nephrology and Urology at Sajje Palya in Bengaluru.

The hospital will be included in the next state budget.

An Institute of Nephrology and Urology in Mysuru has also been approved.

The hospital in Bengaluru will be spread across five acres with provision for 500 beds. The hospital will be equipped with all the latest technologies related to nephrology and urology.

The hospital will be managed by the Institute of Nephrology and Urology, currently functioning at the Victoria Hospital. It is aimed at reducing the burden on Victoria Hospitals, said officials. According to sources, the three acres out of the five acres belong to the Social Welfare Department, which can be acquired by the end of the year.

The meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Minister for Medical Education and Skills Development Dr Sharan Prakash Patil, reviewed the functioning of the unit at Victoria Hospital.

SC questions reservation for children of well-off backward class families

'Several GOs already exclude affluent sections from quota benefits, but are challenged'

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed concern over the continued extension of reservation benefits to children of economically and educationally advanced families from backward classes, noting that education and economic progress naturally lead to social mobility.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan made the observation while hearing a petition filed by Raghavendra Fakeerappa Chandranavar, who challenged a Karnataka High Court order upholding his exclusion from reservation benefits.

"If both parents are IAS officers, why should they have reservations? With educational and economic empowerment, there is social mobility. So then again, to seek reservation for the children, we will never get out of it," the bench remarked while issuing notice in the case.

The petitioner, belonging to the Kuruba community classified under Category II(A) of Karnataka's backward classes list, was selected for the post of Assistant Engineer (Electrical) in the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited under the reserved category.

However, the District Caste and Income Verification Committee denied him a caste validity certificate, classifying him under the 'creamy layer'.

The committee noted that both his parents were state government employees with a combined annual income of around Rs 19.48 lakh, which exceeded the prescribed creamy layer threshold of Rs 8 lakh.

The court observed that several government orders (GOs) already exclude affluent sections from reservation benefits, but these are frequently challenged.

"For the Economically Weaker Section and Disadvantaged Group, there is no social backwardness but only economic backwardness. There has to be some balance. Socially and educationally backward, yes, but once the parents have attained a level because of taking advantage of reservation...," the bench said.

The court underscored that children of parents in good jobs with handsome incomes should ideally move out of the reservation ambit.

In an earlier order in January 2025, the Supreme Court had declined to entertain a plea seeking exclusion of children of IAS and IPS officers from SC/ST quotas in Madhya Pradesh, stating that the issue required legislative intervention.

It had said the reference to the exclusion of the creamy layer from SC and ST quotas in a seven-judge Constitution bench's August 2024 ruling in the State of Punjab versus Davinder Singh case was only a view and the legislature has to decide in this regard.

India to create 'smart border'...

Smart Border, From Page 1

"Within the coming year itself, the government is moving forward with equipping BSF security systems with every kind of technology to create an impenetrable border security grid. Very soon, the MHA will present before the nation a Smart Border project equipped with drones, radars, advanced cameras, and all other modern technologies," he said.

Insisting that the government will not only stop infiltration but will also identify and expel every single infiltrator, he said, "We will not allow artificial changes in our demography. This conspiracy to alter the demographic balance is not something that the BSF alone has to stop," he said.

Urging border-guarding forces to maintain communication with village officials, local police, District Collectors and Superintendents of Police, he said, they should know who the new infiltrator is in a locality, the route used by them and smuggling routes. It is the responsibility of the BSF to identify and completely shut down all these routes, he said.

In the coming days, he said he will hold a meeting with the chief ministers of West Bengal, Tripura and Assam to create a strong security grid from the perspective of infiltration control.

"Our soldiers have shown that merely managing or controlling a problem cannot be the approach to security. The real approach to security is to eliminate the problem from its roots, and today, this has been proven. Now the BSF must move ahead with the same determination against infiltration as well," he said.

Maintaining that the next 3-4 years will bring a complete transformation in border security, he said the arrival of technological security does not reduce the responsibility of soldiers.

"With this spirit, by embracing technology, building communication with local people, and improving coordination with local administration, if we all together decide that this country must be freed from infiltration and that we must stop artificial demographic changes, then I do not think this is a very difficult task," he said.

Bitcoin case: Sriki, two associates remanded in judicial custody

BENGALURU, DHNS: A special court in Bengaluru on Friday remanded the notorious hacker Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki and two of his associates in judicial custody in connection with the Bitcoin case.

The Enforcement Directorate produced Sriki, Robin Khandelwal and Sunish Hegde before the Special Court for Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in Bengaluru given that the central probing agency's 15-day custody had ended.

The court then sent the trio to judicial custody till June 4, adding that objections can be filed on May 27. Senior Standing Counsel and Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Madhu N Rao represented the ED.

On May 8, ED arrested Sriki and two others. A few days before that, ED had raided Sriki and Karnataka Congress MLA NA Haris' sons, Mohammed Haris Nalapad and Omar Farook Nalapad, in Bengaluru.

The search also covered Aqeeb Khan, the grandson of former Union Minister K Rahman Khan and nephew of Congress leader Mansoor Ali Khan.

ED claimed that Nalapad, Omar and Aqeeb were direct beneficiaries of the proceeds of the Sriki's crimes.

While Sriki was arrested, the ED didn't move to apprehend Nalapad and the others. Sources told *DH* that ED continues to piece together evidence from hacking, illegal cryptocurrency transactions and alleged financial irregularities committed the suspects were involved in.

The Central agency is yet to formally release a statement on the progress made in the probe.

Exotic trees topple...

Tree, from Page 1

The forest cell's reasoning is backed by a field study by the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) set up under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

Of the 454 street trees in Malleshwaram covered under the study, 223 (49%) were unhealthy.

The majority of them were exotic ornamental species such as Gulmohar, Copperpod, African Tulip and Rain Tree. Moreover, many of the exotic trees were living beyond their lifespan of 30 to 50 years. A Muthu Kumar, Scientist-F and head, Forest Protection Division, ICFRE- IWST, said the Greater Bengaluru Authority has three major issues to deal with.

"First, there is a need for a scientific study of the old-age trees to see how healthy they are. We now have non-invasive tools like Resistograph, sonic tomography and others. Secondly, we need to fix the basics. Right at the point of planting a sapling, we need to plan for the entire tree's lifespan by leaving enough space for its growth and ensuring there is no disturbance to its roots in the future. Lastly, we need to phase out exotic trees and adopt indigenous trees that can fare better during weather extremes," he said.

He said selecting the right type of tree for the right location was equally important..

For instance, trees with compact canopies and less aggressive root systems, such as Ashoka (Saraca asoca) and Bakul (Mimusops elengi), are more suitable for road medians and constrained urban spaces.

Avenue plantations may include species such as Indian Laburnum (Cassia fistula), Bahera (Terminalia bellirica), Mahua (Madhuca longifolia) and others, while boundary plantations and institutional campuses may be better suited for species such as Arjuna (Terminalia arjuna), Jamun (Syzygium cumini), Honge (Pongamia pinnata), and Azadirachta indica (Neem).

Four women killed in tiger attack in Maha

Tiger attack, from Page 1

Wildlife experts point out that summer months are particularly sensitive, as scarcity of water and prey often forces animals to move closer to villages.

Simultaneously, villagers enter forests in large numbers during the tendu leaf collection season, increasing the possibility of encounters with tigers, leopards and other animals.

According to official estimates, nearly 200 people have died in the state of Maharashtra in attacks by wild animals in recent years.

In 2026, at least 19 people have reportedly lost their lives, officials added.

Conservationists say the Chandrapur region represents both the success and the challenge of India's tiger programme.

While tiger populations have rebounded, coexistence strategies involving local communities, compensation mechanisms, early-warning systems and habitat management have not kept pace with the rapidly changing ground realities.

Bail in UAPA cases: SC refers issue to...

UAPA cases, from Page 1

It further observed that in the Gulfisha Fatima case, bail was granted to five accused, and was denied to two others (Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam), upon an individualised assessment of their roles.

"We deem it necessary to observe that disagreement between coordinate benches by itself is neither unusual nor undesirable," Justice Kumar said.

He said a bench of equal strength cannot achieve by language of reservation, what it cannot achieve by declaration of law.

Justice Kumar observed that if a coordinate bench has expressed reservation about the manner in which the Najeeb ruling was followed by another coordinate bench, the proper answer is not further reservation but authoritative resolution.

The bench also observed that an unqualified application of the proposition that delay will grant bail can have dangerous consequences in terrorism cases, when other material factors touching upon national security are not considered.

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, representing Delhi Police, submitted that the recent ruling in Syed Iftikhar Andrabi does not lay down the correct position of law on bail under the UAPA.

The bench noted that there was a "perceived conflict" among different benches regarding the understanding of the three-judge bench judgment in the Najeeb case.

The 2021 judgment held that long incarceration can be a ground to grant bail in cases under the UAPA, regardless of the statutory rigours.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka

Forecast May 23: Rainfall to occur at few places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	33	22.8	00
Bidar	42.4	26.8	00
Vijayapura	38.5	23.5	00
Dharwad	33	23.2	00
Haveri	32.4	23.8	00
Kalaburagi	41.8	24	10.9
Raichur	40.4	27.4	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	33.2	25.8	00
Karwar	33.8	27	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	33.4	24.8	25.9

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	29.7	23.6	01
Bengaluru	34.8	19.2	58.2
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	33.9	19.5	28.3
Davangere	34.5	19	45.8
Hassan	NA	NA	NA
Mysuru	34	22	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	35.4	23.4	00

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	43.6	29.3	00
Kolkata	36.7	29.7	00
Mumbai	34.7	29	00
Chennai	41.6	29.8	00
Pune	38.2	25.3	00
Hyderabad	43	29.4	00
Th'puram	33.3	24.4	13

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender for the following services in two bid system from eligible tenderers through KPP portal of Government of Karnataka:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification / Indent No.	Name of the Service
1	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0027 dt. 22-05-2026	Disposal of bio-medical waste from the exit point of the premises including treatments like shredding, incinerating etc to handle all types of Bio-medical waste at SJIC&R, Bengaluru as per Bio-medical waste (Management & Handling) rule 1998.
2	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0028 dt. 22-05-2026	Providing disinfestations treatment against bedbugs, cockroaches, lizards, honeybees and rodent control treatment inside the building and surrounding areas of SJICR, BG road, Bengaluru, SJICR's unit at ESICMH, Rajajinagar and SJICR's unit at KC General hospital, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru
3	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0029 dt. 22-05-2026	Providing software for label for biomedical waste labels (bar-coding of the colour coded covers used for disposing of biomedical waste) at SJICR, Bengaluru, Mysuru & Kalaburagi.
4	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0030 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation and maintenance of : a. DG set of capacity 3 x 1500 KVA with Synchronization panel & Allied equipment. b. 11 KV HT Breaker panel with compact RMU c. Electrical substation with 3 x 1600 KVA transformer 11 KVA / 433 volts MV panel and cables. d. Internal electrification and periodical services of Electrical installations at SJICR. Bengaluru.
5	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0031 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation and maintenance of STP & ETP, MBR system 500 KLD at SJICR, Bengaluru
6	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0032 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation and maintenance of fire alarm system Installed at SJICR, Bengaluru
7	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0033 dt. 22-05-2026	Supply of medical gases (oxygen)- IP to SJICR, B.G. road, Bengaluru
8	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0034 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation & Comprehensive maintenance contract of Fire pumps, water pumps, DM plant, cleaning of cement plastered smooth finished internal surface of sump tank and allied works at SJICR Bengaluru.
9	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0035 dt. 22-05-2026	Maintenance of Garden/landscape at SJICR Premises, Bengaluru
10	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0036 dt. 22-05-2026	Maintenance of Laundry Equipment and allied items installed at SJICR, Bengaluru.
11	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0037 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation and maintenance of boiler equipment and allied works at SJICR, Bengaluru
12	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0038 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation & maintenance of medical gas equipment, pipeline for internal supply of medical gases and other allied works at SJICR, Bengaluru
13	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0039 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation & maintenance of medical gas equipment and pipeline system HVAC system, electrical and plumbing services at SJICR satellite centre, KC General hospital premises, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru
14	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0040 dt. 22-05-2026	Operation and comprehensive maintenance contract of centralized HVAC system installed at main building at SJICR, BG Road Bengaluru.
15	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0041 dt. 22-05-2026	Comprehensive maintenance contract of Mitsubishi 350 HP VRF air conditioning system at Infosys block, SJICR, BG road, Bengaluru
16	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0042 dt. 22-05-2026	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of auto intelligent for micro controlled self-settings serial data transfer clock having lithium battery for data storage at main entrance of SJICR Bengaluru.
17	SJICR/2026-27/ SE0043 dt. 22-05-2026	Providing B – check service kit & B check servicing at following places a) 3 x 1500 KVA, DG sets installed at SJICR Bengaluru b) 2 x 750 KVA DG sets installed SJICR Mysuru c) 2 x 750 KVA, KVA DG set at SJICR, Kalaburagi.

1. The tenderers can download the documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **27-05-2026** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is **25-06-2026 up to 4-00 PM.**
2. Date of Pre-bid meeting: **10-06-2026 at 11-30 AM.**
3. Date of Technical Bid opening: **29-06-2026 at 4-00 PM.**
4. EMD: as mentioned in the tender document
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept / reject / cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-,
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER I/c

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Belladakuppe Mahadeshwara Swamy (SC) Kallu Kutigara Labour Contractor Kaigarika Sangha Niyamitha has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Multi Colour Granite of production capacity 28,000 TPA in the total land Area of 10.00 Acres (Government Land) at Sy. No. 53 & 68, Achalu Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District (Ramanagara). This project proposal falls under Category B1, Activity 1(a) – 'Mining of Minerals" as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and its amendments.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated:14.09.2006 and Amendment dated:01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through the process of Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference (ToR) letter No. SEIAA 378 MIN 2026 dated:19.01.2026 issued by the SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:10.02.2026 and the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Bangalore South (Ramanagara) letter dated:14.05.2026 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name & Address of the Project Proponent : M/s. Belladakuppe Mahadeshwara Swamy (SC) Kallu Kutigara Labour Contractor Kaigarika Sangha Niyamitha, Saraguru Village, Saraguru Taluk, Mysuru District – 571 121.

2. Location of the proposed Quarry Project : Sy. Nos. 53 & 68, Achalu Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District (Ramanagara).

3. Details of proposed Project : Proposed to undertake Quarrying of Multi Colour Granite of production capacity 28,000 TPA in the total land Area of 10.00 Acres (Government Land).

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : Date : 25.06.2026 (Thursday), Time: 11:00 AM, Place: Proposed Project Site: Sy. No. 53 & 68, Achalu Village, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District (Ramanagara).

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru South District, Ramanagara. **(b)** Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru South District, Ramanagara. **(c)** District Industries Centre, Bengaluru South District, Ramanagara. **(d)** Tahasildar Office, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District (Ramanagara). **(e)** Department of Mines & Geology, Bengaluru South District, Ramanagara. **(f)** City Municipal Council, Ramanagara. **(g)** Gram Panchayat Office, Achalu, Kanakapura Taluk. **(h)** Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru South District (Ramanagara). **(i)** SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001. **(j)** HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru South District, Ramanagara). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in/.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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NEET: Pune teacher is 11th to be arrested

Manisha Sanjay Havaldar held for leaking Physics questions

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A Pune-based teacher engaged by the National Testing Agency (NTA) in connection with preparing the Physics paper for NEET-UG 2026 was arrested by the CBI for her alleged role in leaking questions to students, said investigators on Friday.

Manisha Sanjay Havaldar, currently working at the Seth Hiralal Saraf Prashala in Pune, was taken into custody after her interrogation, said the CBI, adding that she was involved in the NEET-UG 2026 examination process and appointed by the NTA as an expert.

"She had complete access to the Physics question papers. In April, she shared some NEET-UG 2026 Physics questions with co-accused Manisha Mandhare (already arrested on May 16)," the CBI said in a statement.

"The questions she shared were tallied with the Physics questions of NEET-UG 2026," added the probe agency.

With this, the agency has arrested 11 persons from Delhi, Jaipur, Gurugram, Nasik, Pune, Latur, and Ahliyanagar.

Earlier, the CBI arrested P V Kulkarni, who was allegedly involved in setting the Chemistry paper, and Manisha Mandhare, who allegedly had access to the Zoology and Botany papers. The teachers who were arrested in connection with the case are based out of Pune.

The CBI said Kulkarni, along with one Manisha Waghmare, conducted special coaching classes for students at his residence in Pune.

He "dictated questions along with options and correct answers, and the questions so dictated were handwritten by students in their notebooks and have exactly tallied with the actual question paper", said the agency.

It also alleged that Manisha Mandhare was the "actual source" of the leak of the Chemistry and Biology papers.

WHAT CBI SAYS

- She had complete access to the Physics question papers
- In April, she shared some NEET-UG Physics questions with co-accused Manisha Mandhare

Twisha dowry death: Police arrest husband; HC orders second autopsy

Notice to ex-judge mother-in-law over bail

JABALPUR/BHOPAL, PTI

The high-profile Twisha Sharma dowry death case saw fast-paced developments on Friday with police taking custody of her husband, who was on the run for more than a week, and the Madhya Pradesh High Court ordering a second autopsy by a specialised AIIMS Delhi team as requested by her family.

The high court also issued a notice to Twisha's mother-in-law, Giribala Singh, a former district judge, over pleas for cancellation of her bail over non-cooperation with the police.

Samarth Singh, Twisha's absconding lawyer husband, withdrew his anticipatory bail application filed in the HC earlier in the day, and appeared at the Jabalpur district court in the evening to surrender. A team of Bhopal police took him in their custody and left with him for the state capital, his lawyers said.

Twisha Sharma, a 33-year-old model-turned-actor from Noida, was found dead at her marital home in Bhopal on May 12. While her in-laws allege she suffered from drug addiction, her family maintains she was harassed for dowry, leading to her death.

Samarth Singh, accused in the alleged Twisha Sharma death case, in Jabalpur on Friday. PTI

Hearing a petition filed by Twisha's family, a single-judge bench of the High Court asked the state government to make immediate arrangements for flying a specialised team of doctors from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, to Bhopal for the second autopsy, advocate Akur Pandey, the family's lawyer, said.

The decision comes two days after Judicial Magistrate First Class Anudita Gupta in Bhopal rejected the family's request for a second postmortem.

In a related development, the Madhya Pradesh home department issued a notification proposing transfer of the investigation to the CBI.

Samarth Singh, on Friday, withdrew his anticipatory bail application filed in the HC, said his lawyer Jaydeep Kaurav. With the withdrawal of the application, Singh was left with no other option but to surrender.

The high court issued a notice to his mother, Giribala Singh, on pleas seeking cancellation of her anticipatory bail filed by Twisha's father as well as the state government.

TCS case: Chargesheet filed; AIMIM corporator named

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Months after the alleged sexual harassment and religious conversion case involving Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) employees at its Nashik BPO snowballed, the police filed a 1,500-page chargesheet on Friday.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Nashik Police is probing the case.

The police had registered nine FIRs between March 26 and April 3 — one at the Deolali Camp and eight at Mumbai Naka Police Stations — based on complaints by nine junior employees alleging sexual abuse, harassment, and religious coercion. The cops have so far arrested eight persons in the case.

They have named Danish Ejaz Sheikh, Tausif Bilal Attar, Nida Ejaz Khan, and Matin Majid Patel in the first chargesheet, based on the investigations into the FIR registered at the Deolali Camp Police Station. Patel, an AIMIM corporator, is accused of harbouring Nida Khan while she was absconding.

In the chargesheet, the SIT has mentioned details of WhatsApp chats, digital evidence, and documents allegedly linked to identity/name-change procedures.

The accused have been charged under BNS Sections 61(2) (criminal conspiracy), 64 (rape), 68 (sexual intercourse by a person in authority), 69 (sexual intercourse by employing deceitful means), 46 (abetment), 75 (sexual harassment), 318 (4) (cheating), 299 (hurting religious feelings), 249 (harbouring offender), as well as provisions of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

NCW recommendations

Meanwhile, the National Commission for Women has directed TCS to strengthen its Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) compliance and workplace-safety mechanisms across the country following a hearing on the alleged procedural lapses at its Nashik unit.

The directions were issued after a hearing held on May 21, presided over by NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar.

The NCW directed all 127 TCS units employing 10 or more staff members to constitute separate Internal Committees within four weeks and conduct thorough PoSH training for employees.

Dispute flares over Kasmandi mosque

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

A dispute has flared up over the Kasmandi Mosque in Malihabad near Lucknow after members of the Pasi community (an OBC group) and saffron outfits claimed it was an old fort built by Maharaja Kans and that a Shiv temple once existed inside it.

Community leader Suraj Paswan has written to CM Yogi Adityanath seeking a ban on offering namaz at the mosque and demanding that its possession be handed over to the community.

The Pasi community has relied on what it says are English gazetteers and local historical accounts, which state that the name "Kasmandi" was associated with Raja Kans, described as a Rajpasi ruler during the 11th century whose influence extended across Malihabad and surrounding areas.

Hindu Mahasabha leader Shishir Chaturvedi also demanded a ban on namaz at the Kasmandi Mosque.

But Muslim cleric Maulana Sufiyan said the structure is recorded as a mosque and tomb in government records. As tensions rose, security personnel were deployed around the mosque.

Centre asks states to check bulk purchase of fuel

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Amid reports of some retail petrol and diesel outlets running dry, the Centre has directed states to remain vigilant against industrial and bulk consumers purchasing fuel from retail pumps, taking advantage of significant price differences.

Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Secretary Neeraj Mittal chaired a virtual meeting on Friday with state Food and Civil Supplies officials to review the current fuel supply situation across the country.

In the meeting, Mittal stressed the need to prevent fuel hoarding, panic buying, and the diversion of industrial customers to retail outlets.

States were urged to take proactive measures to ensure uninterrupted fuel availability, strengthen coordination among stakeholders, and maintain smooth supplies for citizens.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas stated in a post on X that India has adequate availability of petrol and diesel, with overall supplies remaining stable.

"Citizens are advised to avoid panic buying and purchase fuel only as per actual requirement. Temporary pressure at some retail outlets is being addressed through continuous supply monitoring and coordinated distribution efforts by oil marketing companies," the ministry said.

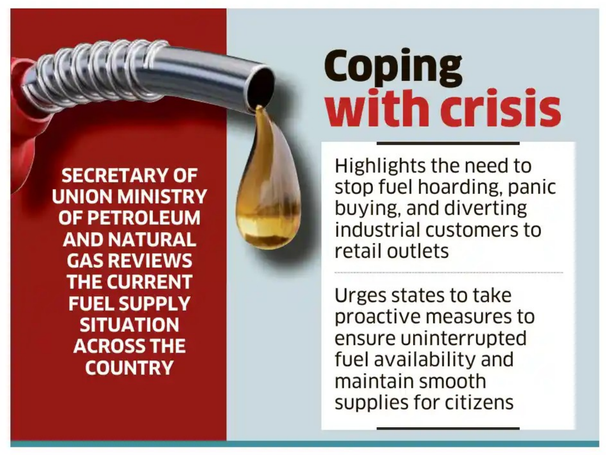
"Responsible consumption and public cooperation will help ensure smooth fuel availability for everyone during the ongoing high-demand period."

Joint secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sujata Sharma, on Thursday told the media that a 20-30% surge in fuel demand at retail outlets was triggered by bulk diesel consumers shifting from designated bulk supply points to retail pumps, lured by a price difference of Rs 40-42 per litre.

This shift, partly due to the ongoing agricultural season and partly driven by price arbitrage, led to temporary stock shortages at several outlets.

Retail fuel is currently sold below cost, while bulk supplies are priced at market rates, prompting bulk buyers — including state transport buses and telecom towers using diesel gensets — to prefer retail stations.

Demand has been notably higher at state-run outlets compared to private retailers due to the lower prices.


SECRETARY OF UNION MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REVIEWS THE CURRENT FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY
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Urges states to take proactive measures to ensure uninterrupted fuel availability and maintain smooth supplies for citizens

CJP founder gets death threats as roaches continue cyber reign

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the satirical Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), on Friday shared death threats he received on social media, a day after CJP's 'X' account was withheld in India.

One of the messages sent to Dipke, who is currently based in Boston, claimed money would be paid to him for shutting down the CJP account or else he would be killed in the US. Another message warned that the sender had obtained his number and it would not take long to locate his house.

The CJP, whose Instagram account crossed 20.4 million followers on Friday afternoon, also launched a campaign demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan following the NEET leak.

Meanwhile, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor cautioned against such actions, saying democracy's great virtue lies in the outlets it provides for public sentiment and grievances. He said many users have "dismissed" the account as a "Pakistani-manufactured conspiracy, but that is too simplistic".

ED arrests Rs 3,000-cr scam accused from Gurugram

HYDERABAD, DHNS: The ED said on Friday that it arrested Heera Group scam accused Nowhera Shaik on Thursday from an Airbnb property in Gurugram.

Shaik was arrested under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in the Heera Group case involving the defrauding of investors. A PMLA Court in Hyderabad later remanded her to judicial custody.

ED initiated the investigation based on multiple FIRs registered by Telangana Police and Andhra Pradesh Police against Shaik, Molly Thomas, Biju Thomas, and Heera Group of companies by aggrieved depositors across the country for defrauding over 1.72 lakh investors of more than Rs 3,000 crore.

The probe revealed that deposits were collected by Shaik on the pretext of investment in Heera Group of Companies, offering returns of around 36% per annum, and thereafter failed to return their profits and principal amounts.

ED said Shaik was residing in Gurugram using a fake identity as she was "evading" arrest after the SC cancelled her bail after taking "serious note of her conduct during which she misled" the SC.

A special court in Hyderabad dealing with cases lodged under the PMLA issued a non-bailable warrant against her on May 7, but she was not traceable at her Hyderabad and Bengaluru addresses, the ED said.

Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No. 2, 2/1 & 2/3, Kalidasa Marga,1st Main Road, Gandhinagar Bengaluru-560 009. Phone: 080-2265383,
E-mail: ceoemkiadb.in, website : www.kiadb.in.

No.KIADB/JDTP/F No:59 /143 /2026-27 Date: 22.05.2026

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KIADB has obtained Environmental Clearance (EC) for Development of Devanahalli General Industrial Area (ITIR) Phase-2 located at Rabbanahalli, Ramanathapura, Linganahalli and Aravanahalli Villages, Doddaballapura and Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District to an extent of 1113.79 Acres (450.735 Hectare) by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority **(SEIAA)** on **21-05-2026.** The copy of Environmental Clearance available in the **https://parivesh.nic.in website.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1
KIADB, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/RO 799/AAPL/2026-27

Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha,
(A Govt of Karnataka Enterprises)
O/o The Executive Engineer, CNNL., KCD Division, T. Narasipura, Mysuru District - 571124
Phone No. 08227-261362
E-Mail eekcdtnp@yahoo.co.in

Short Term Tender Notification No. 05/2026-27, dated: 21-05-2026

Itemwise tender for Call-2 is hereby invited in KPP-Portal by the Executive Engineer, Kabini Canal Distributory Division, T.Narasipura, Mysuru District on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Mysore from eligible PWD Department registered contractors for 1 Work. All the required documents are to be uploaded along with the tenders. amount put to tender for the work is **Rs.324.84** Lakhs Last date for tender queries/clarification is **27.05.2026** till 4.00 p.m., last date for online submission of tender with EMD is **29.05.2026** till 5.30 p.m. Date of opening of technical bids is **01.06.2026** at 11.00 a.m. Date of opening of Financial bids is **04.06.2026** at 11.00 a.m. For further details, contact the above said during office hours and through kpp-portal by logging in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
CNNL., KCD Division,T. Narasipura.

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P B No. 1779, HAL Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bengaluru - 560017. India

ADVT. No. 11/2026/PS

CSIR-NAL invites talented and eligible candidates possessing the required qualifications to attend a "Walk-in-interview" for engagement in various projects on 26.05.2026 and 29.05.2026.

For complete details of advertisement please visit the official **website www.nal.res.in.**

Sd/-
Sr. Controller of Administration

KOF ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಎಣ್ಣೆಬೀಜ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರ ಮಹಾಮಂಡಳ ನಿಯಮಿತ,
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ಫೋನ್: 080-25550268, 8073093473/9591812016, ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: pi@kof.coop
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ: ಕೆಓಎಫ್:ಪಿಐ:ಸಾ&ನಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್:2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.05.2026
ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವೆಚ್ಚದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೆಓಎಫ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಬೆಂಬಲ ಬೆಲೆ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ 2026 ಹಿಂಗಾರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಲಾಗುವ ಸೂರ್ಯಕಾಂತಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯ/ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಉಗ್ರಾಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು, ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವೆಚ್ಚದ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 50,000/- ಗಳು.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **22.05.2026** ರಿಂದ **30.05.2026** ರವರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನ Karnataka Co-operative Oilseeds Growers Federation Ltd., ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification-06/2026-27 Date: 18.05.2026(Call-5)
Ref:1. Short Term Tender Notification- 19/2025-26 Date: 23-10-2025
2. Short Term Tender Notification- 25/2025-26 Date: 10-12-2025(Call-2)
3. Short Term Tender Notification-33/2025-26 Date: 23.01.2026(Call-3)
4. Short Term Tender Notification-40/2025-26 Date: 05.03.2026(Call-4)
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-I/CPWD Class-I and Above. The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P. portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

"Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Tank Filling Scheme System for filling up of 15tanks by lifting water from Dandavathi River in SorabaTaluk of Shivamogga District consisting of the following components: construction of Bridge cum Barrage, Intake structure, Jackwell cum pump house, Pumping machineries, 11/0.433KV sub-station, 11 KV Transmission line and 11 KV Terminal bay, Rising main, Pressure distribution network, surge analysis and protection system for filling up of 15 tanks including supply of spares parts and tools, O & M for five years after successful commissioning of the work under Yadagoppa Tank fillingscheme on turn-key basis". (INDENT No: 3317) Work Amount put to tender **Rs. 34.93 Crores** and EMD **Rs.0.30 Crores**

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **21.05.2026 to 19.06.2026 up to 5.00 PM 2)** Date of Pre bid meeting:**30.05.2026 @11.00AM.**(O/o Chief Engineer, KNNL, UTP Zone Shimogga **3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **20.06.2026 @ 11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-**21.05.2026** at **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

DIPR/SMG/No-92-05/zenkar/2026-27

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division, Shikaripura

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga
No.: ACF/Tender-CAMPA/CR-3/2025-26/1 Date: 20.05.2026
Short-Term e-Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

For the year 2026-27, under the account head CAMPA, short-term Call-2 e-tenders are invited through the e-Procurement Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from interested forest contractors registered with the Forest Department for the year 2026-27 under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2000.The tenders are invited for the implementation of Advance Works mentioned in the Annexure in the forest areas falling under the jurisdiction of various forest zones of Shivamogga Regional Forest Division.The contractors should have experience in pre sapling works, growing & maintenance saplings of various sizes, in the Forest Department, carrying out preliminary plantation works and handling similar tendered works, and should possess the necessary facilities & infrastructure to grow saplings in the plantation area within the scope of the work. Further information may be obtained from this office during office hours. Tender details are also available on the official website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

1. Last date for submission of e-tender: 29.05.2026 up to 04.00 PM **2.** Date of opening of tender: 30.05.2026 at 04.30 PM

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Ayanur Sub Division, Shivamogga

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BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, C.M.C. Road, Yelahanka Old Town, Bengaluru–560064
No.: EE/ BNCC/YD/PR/81/2026-27 Date: 22.05.2026
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to inform the public that if any dilapidated buildings / walls or other dangerous buildings are found in government school buildings, government compound walls, private school buildings, private school compound walls, private compound walls, central government buildings, central government compound walls existing in the 01-Rajakempegowda, 02-Aerocity, 03-Chowdeshwari, 04-Nyayangana Badavane, 05-Yelahanka Satellite Town, 06-Doddabettahalli, 07-Attur wards coming under the jurisdiction of Yelahanka Division of Bangalore North City Corporation, they can immediately inform the Yelahanka Division of Bangalore North City Corporation via telephone or WhatsApp.

If the private school compound and private school building, private building and compound walls of private building are in a dilapidated condition / dangerous, they should bring it to the notice of the City Corporation and clear it themselves. You are hereby notified that you will be held directly responsible for any unpleasant incidents that may arise due to failure to comply.

Contact Information: (1) Executive Engineer - Shri Sudhakar Reddy - Mob: 9480688262, (2) Assistant Executive Engineer - Shri Ramasanjivaiah - Mob: 9480688200, (3) Assistant Executive Engineer - Shri Ramakrishnaiah - Mob: 9480688199, (4) Assistant Executive Engineer - Shri Somashekhar - Mob: 9019211219.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Yalahanka Division, Bengaluru North City Corporation

Directorate of Medical Education
BMC&RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Phone: 080-22870060 Fax: 080-22875798
E-mail: dmekarnataka@yahoo.com

No: ME/Tender/04/2026-27 Date: 22-05-2026
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited for the **Purchase of Medical Equipments for Yadgiri, Haveri and Chikmagaluru Institute of Medical Sciences.** Tender Document and E.M.D., details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPP Portal. Interested tenderers have to register in the KPP Portal, details of which can be viewed in the Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders Dt: 25-05-2026
Pre-Bid Meeting Dt: 09-06-2026 at 11.30 AM
Last date for Uploading the Tenders Dt: 24-06-2026 before 5.00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Dt: 25-06-2026 at 5.00 PM

For further details contact **Director of Medical Education, BMC&RI (Old Building), 1st Floor, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.**

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Sd/- Director
Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru.

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Bracing for the viral threats

While the Coronavirus remains fresh in public memory, two other viruses with varying threat indicators have appeared in different parts of the world. They remain active, but their scope is largely localised. Hantavirus, which was recently discovered on a Dutch cruise ship in the South Atlantic, caused the death of three people on board. The risk from the virus has been categorised as low – the virus causes a zoonotic disease that spreads mainly through the inhalation of rodent saliva, urine or droppings. Human-to-human transmission is uncommon but not impossible. The ship started its voyage from Argentina, where the virus is endemic. Failing to detect its presence in time allowed it to circulate for weeks.

The threat from Ebola is more serious. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared its spread in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda a "public health emergency of international concern." This marks the outbreak as a serious threat, just below the level of a pandemic. WHO has confirmed 246 suspected cases and 80 suspected deaths in the DRC as of last week. Ebola's presence has been reported in parts of Africa for over a decade, and the virus has caused over 11,000 deaths. It can spread from person to person and has a high fatality rate. No known vaccines are effective against the strain currently circulating – Bundibugyo – and no treatment protocols are currently available. The strain is not easily detected through tests, limiting the options of scientists and doctors in developing treatment strategies. WHO has indicated that the virus's potency and transmission trends may point to a bigger outbreak. Ongoing conflicts in the affected regions, coupled with the migration and displacement of people, risk spreading of the disease.

The WHO alert on the Ebola outbreak underlines vulnerabilities and the need for global preparedness

The countries affected by the outbreak are hampered in the fight to contain it. WHO's operations have been hit by the cessation of funding by the United States and other constraints. African countries remain extremely vulnerable to such threats because their mitigation efforts hinge on the import of vaccines, medicines, and medical equipment. India has postponed two events scheduled in Delhi following the Ebola outbreak: the India-Africa Forum Summit (May 28-31) and the International Big Cat Alliance summit (June 1). Passengers from the affected countries are being tested. The WHO alert is significant as an early call for preparedness. Though the virus has not reached the proportions of a global threat, the need for caution cannot be overstated.

Bidadi township: A test of balance

The Karnataka government's decision to proceed with the proposed Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) at Bidadi marks one of the most ambitious urban development exercises attempted in the state in decades. Envisioned as an AI-powered integrated township spread across thousands of acres, the project aims to create a futuristic satellite city that could ease pressure on Bengaluru while generating employment and investment. With Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar announcing that nearly 80% of landowners have agreed to part with their land and that the final notification will be issued by June 30, the project appears to have cleared a critical political and administrative hurdle. On paper, the compensation framework appears considerably more humane than earlier land acquisition models. The government is extending benefits under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, alongside livelihood assistance for affected families until compensation or developed sites are handed over. The promise of developed land-sharing, future appreciation, and improved connectivity through Metro and road may genuinely benefit many landowners if implemented transparently. Unlike past acquisitions, where farmers were left stranded after losing their primary source of livelihood, the present framework at least acknowledges the economic transition that displaced agrarian communities must navigate.

Karnataka's development push must be anchored in the state's social and ecological realities

However, the larger concerns cannot be dismissed as anti-development sentiment. Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda has raised legitimate questions about acquiring fertile agricultural land and its implications for food security. Karnataka cannot endlessly urbanise productive farmland around Bengaluru without considering the cumulative impact on agriculture, groundwater, and ecological sustainability. The state must simultaneously identify future industrial and township corridors in regions where water availability is more abundant.

The project's success will depend not merely on engineering or investment, but on trust. The scars of the abandoned Aerocity acquisition near Devanahalli remain fresh, where prolonged farmer protests eventually forced the government to retreat. Bidadi must not follow the pattern. Every affected family – including landless labourers dependent on the local rural economy – must feel included in the transition. Most importantly, GBIT must not replicate Bengaluru's civic failures. The state now has a rare opportunity to build a city before congestion and chaos overtake planning. Infrastructure, water management, sewage systems, public transport, and green cover must precede large-scale habitation, not follow it years later. If executed with foresight, Bidadi could become a model satellite city. If driven purely by speculative real estate and political haste, it risks degenerating into yet another urban crisis.

AN UNEASY PAUSE

Toughened Iran defies Trump's coercion

Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium leaves Washington with shrinking options for the diplomatic endgame

R SWAMINATHAN

The profound shift in Iran's diplomatic posture is striking. In the negotiations preceding both Operation Thunderstorm last June and Operation Epic Fury this February, Tehran appeared amenable to offering significantly greater nuclear concessions. However, since the temporary ceasefire took effect on April 8, Iran has considerably hardened its stance, insisting on a two-step process: first, ending the war with security guarantees, unfreezing assets, and reopening the Strait of Hormuz; and subsequently, discussing the nuclear issue.

Iran has also announced that it is coordinating with Oman to draft a protocol that will permit safe maritime passage through the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for compliance with Iranian conditions, including fees for special services. Interestingly, during the same period, the United States, in addition to abandoning its insistence on zero enrichment, appears to have dropped other long-standing priorities, such as dismantlement of Iran's missile programme and cessation of its support for its West Asian proxies, from its current diplomatic discourse.

After visiting Beijing, where he failed to secure Chinese cooperation to pressure Tehran, and with his naval blockade failing to bring Tehran to the negotiating table, President Donald Trump has been actively considering another military assault alongside Israel. While this would have benefited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, particularly with Israel expected to hold early elections, Trump has been strongly dissuaded by Iran's Gulf neighbours, who bore the brunt of the Iranian strikes before the current ceasefire.

Last Monday, Iran transmitted its latest proposal to the US via Islamabad. While the specific details have not been made public, media reports indicate that Iran is no longer demanding that the issues be dealt with chronologically, which should pave the way to restart stalled negotiations.

On the financial front, the US has reportedly agreed to release a quarter of Iran's frozen funds, though Tehran continues to demand the full release of all assets. Conflicting reports have emerged over whether Washington has agreed to temporarily waive oil sanctions while negotiations continue.

Under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) – agreed to in 2015 by the Obama administration and from which Trump unilaterally withdrew in 2018 during his first term – Tehran transferred more than half of its 20% enriched uranium to Russia, retaining the remainder under the monitoring of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to fuel its research reactor. As of now, Iran is resisting shipping its enriched uranium abroad, proposing domestic dilution instead. The two sides also remain divided over the timeline for an enrichment moratorium, with Tehran offering 10 years and Washington

demanding 20 years.

However, for Trump, securing nuclear concessions from Iran that exceed the JCPOA terms is essential. Specifically, this would require Iran to agree to transfer its 60% enriched uranium stockpile to Russia, in addition to accepting an enrichment moratorium. Another red line for Trump remains Iran's insistence on controlling the transit passage through the Strait of Hormuz. But, to accept Trump's terms, Iran will demand in return a guaranteed end to hostilities, including in Lebanon, the unfreezing of its assets, the lifting of sanctions, and a financial mechanism to reconstruct its severely damaged infrastructure. Nevertheless, Iran will still retain the capability, if required in the future, to inflict severe pain on the global economy by disrupting transit through the strait.

The conclusion of a framework agreement, however, will require considerable patience and long-drawn-out discussions. There are indications that Washington and Tehran may sign a 'letter of intent' that would officially end the war and open 30 days of negotiations on key issues, including reopening the Strait of Hormuz and limiting Iran's nuclear programme.

Iran is leveraging its 60% enriched uranium as a highly effective bargaining chip, knowing it would be virtually impossible for the US to neutralise this stockpile without substantial risk and boots on the ground. Given Tehran's frequently voiced distrust of Washington, Iran is expected to hold on to this uranium until all terms are finalised and at least partially implemented.

Resilience under pressure

Trump repeatedly relies on a pattern of extreme military and economic threats under the flawed assumption that America's asymmetrical power advantage will eventually force Iran to capitulate. However, this strategy has not succeeded, as the Iranian regime views total surrender to the US as a far greater existential threat than enduring sanctions or military strikes. Years of economic pressure have pushed Tehran to construct what it terms a "resistance economy" – one that is less dependent on Western financial systems, sustained by alternative trade networks, and increasingly anchored in domestic production. At the same time, the Iranian state has combined economic management with tight political control and a narrative of national endurance, enabling it to contain dissent and maintain legitimacy under strain.

With Trump losing patience, he could venture into another attack. A recent Congressional Research Service report said the US lost or had at least 42 aircraft heavily damaged during the 40-day air campaign against Iran. This heavy toll included advanced F-15E and F-35A fighter jets. However, Iran will be even more prepared this time and has warned that it will open new fronts and scale up the conflict. Furthermore, despite the Pentagon's claims of having inflicted severe damage on Iran, leaked US intelligence reveals that Tehran's missile capabilities remain largely intact or have been successfully restored during the ceasefire.

Marking his second trip to Iran in less than a week, Pakistan's Interior Minister arrived in Tehran on Wednesday to convey a fresh US proposal offering improved incentives on sanctions relief. The Pakistan Army Chief has also landed in Tehran on Friday to help open a 30-day window for further negotiations.

A diplomatic solution remains possible, provided each side is willing to accommodate the other to some extent and can claim victory to satisfy their respective domestic audiences.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Rejected by power, redeemed by time

The decision, I learned, had been driven by opportunism, not merit

V LAKSHMAN

The urge to return to one's homeland can manifest in many ways in an individual's life. No matter how good the workplace may be, the mind often drifts towards returning home for good. In the early 2000s, I started my career as a senior officer at Mangaluru Electricity Supply Company. The job was rewarding, and Mangaluru itself was charming. But it was not quite like my native, Bengaluru. Over the years, homesickness deepened and eventually drove me to look for greener pastures in Bengaluru. I applied to three government organisations.

My first interview was at a public sector behemoth. There were nearly 30 aspirants, and, while waiting for my turn, I felt like a novice among them — a David among Goliaths.

The interview panel comprised experts from various fields. There were many rounds of interviews, and, by 3 pm, the crowd had dwindled from 30 to 10. Until then, I had managed really well.

As the clock struck 4:30 pm, only five candidates remained in the penultimate round—including me. When the results of that final round were announced, euphoric relief washed over me. I had made it this far. I felt like a man emancipated. I could sense Bengaluru on the horizon.

Thereafter, a senior officer escorted me to the CMD's cabin, which itself felt uncanny. The CMD was a grouchy-looking man in his late fifties, seated with an aura of royalty and power. He did not so much as glance at me and appeared dismissive of my presence. It became quite evident that he did not want me, despite my having been selected. All he remarked was that I was too young, brushing aside my past credentials. His body language suggested he had someone else in mind. "I'll get back to you," he stated firmly, indicating that the conversation was over.

More than me, the senior officer accompanying me seemed disheartened. I could hear him speak in the background: "Sir, one chance you could have given to the young man." Those words reverberated in my ear for many days afterwards.

The very next week, I received call letters from two public sector undertakings and was selected in both. Eventually, I opted for the better of the two.

A few years later, after I had settled down in Bengaluru, one fine morning while sipping coffee and catching up on the news, a headline caught my eye and made my heart race: "CMD Arrested for Bribery and Fraud." At first, I could hardly believe it. Memories of our tense meeting came flooding back, and I felt a strange mix of emotions — relief, indignation, and, above all, vindication. *Karma*, it seemed, had finally taken its toll.

Only later did I discover that I had in fact been the legitimate candidate for the position but had been overlooked in favour of a politically preferred appointment. An official from the chief minister's office had swooped in, and the decision had ultimately been driven not by merit, but by opportunism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farmers should consider drought-resistant crops

I refer to 'A powerful El Niño is forming. If history is a guide, it could hit hard' (May 22). El Niño and La Niña are the warm and cool phases of a recurring climate phenomenon across the tropical Pacific. Current forecasts suggest water temperatures could potentially exceed 3 degrees Celsius above the average temperature later this year, making the upcoming super El Niño even more powerful than the one nearly 150 years ago. . Farmers in India must consider drought-resistant crops due to the rain-fed nature of the country's agriculture. Climate change is making monsoons increasingly vigorous and erratic. Rains have become less dependable with worsening dry spells. India is the world's largest producer of millets, and millets are the future crops. Despite concerns over the potential impact of a super El Niño, experts say the world, and India in particular, is better prepared owing to technological advancements.

H N Ramakrishna, Bengaluru

Learn a new language

The three-language education rule has faced steady pushback in South India because many see it as a Hindi imposition. A better plan for South Indian states is to ask their students to pick a neighbouring South Indian language as the third language instead of Hindi. This will foster respect for different languages. The curriculum should include translation tasks so students learn to switch between languages. The language syllabus and exams should also give equal weightage to speaking and writing skills, which will help students communicate better. These steps will help south Indian languages flourish and not vanish.

Vasudeva K, Bengaluru

Futile exercise

Apropos 'Tumakuru is beyond borrowed names' (May 22), the state government must stop short-sighted, election-oriented initiatives. What does a name change achieve? It is important to understand the ethos of the place before drafting grandiose plans of development.

Kathyayini T C, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

Students should say Jai Shri Ram instead of Yes sir during attendance. I will give such a call whenever I visit any school or college.

G Janardhana Reddy, BJP MLA

Religious ideas, supposedly private matters between man and god, are in practice always political ideas.

Christopher Hitchens

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

The Kafkaesque moment for Gen Z

The rise of the CJP reveals the anxieties of India's digitally connected generation, often seen as politically disconnected

REHNAMOL RAVEENDRAN

'When Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from troubled dreams, he found himself changed into a monstrous cockroach in his bed.' –*The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka

Perhaps the founder of the sensational Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), Abhijeet Dipke, woke up in Boston on May 16 to a Kafkaesque moment in Indian Gen Z politics when he unveiled the idea of the CJP. What began as an online political satire almost immediately turned into a viral phenomenon, drawing more than 18 million subscribers on Instagram. The idea of embracing the cockroach as a political metaphor has blown up in the faces of many who were unaware of the simmering discontent among the youth. The CJP also has an X account and an aesthetically designed website, launched on the same day with AI-generated cockroach imagery.

Unlike Gregor Samsa in Kafka's *The Metamorphosis*, who was more worried about being late for work, the requirements for membership in the CJP are simple. With the slogan being the voice of the lazy and the unemployed, the CJP presents itself as a political front, which, according to Dipke, seeks to be 'of the youth, by the youth and for the youth', Abraham Lincoln style.

Membership, however, comes with conditions: one has to be quintessentially secular, socialist, democratic, and, more essentially, lazy. The deepest mockery of the condition of Indian youth today lies in the eligibility criteria themselves—one has to be able to rant professionally, remain online chronically and, obviously, be physically lazy and unemployed 'in principle'. This biting satire seems to have brought scores of young people into the fold of what is rapidly becoming a Kafkaesque moment in the history of Indian youth.

According to Dipke, the spark for creating the CJP came from *obiter dicta* by the Chief Justice of India that unemployed, frustrated youth hit out against the establishment. The movement reflects the frustration arising from systemic flaws and failures that have left many young people unable to secure stable employment and livelihoods. Such frustration has also surfaced previously during protests over leaked question papers or cancelled examinations, including controversies surrounding the NEET examination. What the CJP brings to the 75-year-old republic is a language of satire—expressed in the eligibility criteria listed by the party—that exposes the deep wounds embedded in the psyche of Indian youth.

The CJP's five-point manifesto reflects frustration with the judiciary, the Election Commission of India, corporate control of the media and what it calls biased journalism. Continuing on this dissatisfaction line, the CJP also demands a 20-year ban on legislators who defect from their parties. The manifesto additionally calls for equality of opportunity for women, seeking a flat 50% reservation for women in all spheres.

As the CJP became a viral movement on social media, Dipke, residing in Boston, was continuously accessible to the media. He was also responding consistently to comments on Instagram. After revealing his Dalit identity, he has had to confront caste slurs and trolling directed at him online.

Yet the Kafkaesque idea appears to have sunk deep into the imagination of Indian youth, which suggests that the movement is likely to endure and progress forward. Dipke has also been cautious and smart enough to reject comparisons between Indian youth and the recent Gen Z movements in neighbouring Nepal and Bangladesh. He appears to remain steadfast in his belief that the Indian Gen Z, and youth in general, will pursue constitutional methods to achieve the political ends they intend to achieve. In this, he obviously invokes the intellectual and political legacy of Maharashtra's Mahatma Phule, B R Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji.

Like George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* and the more recent Ian McEwan's *The Cockroach*, political satire is the staple of any civilisation seeking to survive absurdity. While satire and comedy provide great relief from such political and social absurdities, the CJP movement represents something unprecedented in scale and nature, riding on a technological advancement that ensures connectivity and facilitates freedom of expression, transforming protest into a novel online, unregistered political party.

All those who were initially amazed at the rise of the CJP but turned to casteist trolling after learning that Dipke was a Dalit have perhaps missed the beauty of the Kafkaesque moment altogether. They may yet wake up tomorrow morning, transformed into giant cockroaches themselves, to survive this summer of simmering discontent.

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Poison in paradise and a public pushback

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's 100-day "Nasha Mukt Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan" has not only brought the Union Territory's (UT) growing drug crisis into the centre of governance discourse, but also revived debate over whether high-visibility, leadership-driven anti-drug campaigns can become an effective template for states battling substance abuse.

In J&K, the campaign has combined aggressive enforcement with unusual public visibility. Sinha's padayatras, school outreach programmes and civil society engagement have transformed addiction from a largely private, stigmatised issue into a mainstream governance concern.

The administration claims more than 650 arrests of alleged drug peddlers within weeks, alongside intensified action against narcotics supply chains, framing the problem beyond ordinary crime and linking it to organised trafficking and destabilisation networks.

"Narco-terror is a silent war to bleed J&K dry. We will chase every rupee and every asset of drug traffickers, ensuring the harshest punishment for those destroying our youth's future," Sinha said, underlining the campaign's dual focus on social reform and security enforcement.

Addiction – long confined to homes, hospitals and rehabilitation centres – has now entered mainstream political and public discussion. People are speaking more openly about a problem once discussed mostly in whispers.

Experts, however, caution that enforcement alone cannot address the deeper causes driving addiction in Kashmir.

"There has been a 180-degree shift between what psychiatry traditionally teaches and what we now see in the field. Children as young as 12 are presenting with substance dependence patterns earlier confined to adults," Dr Zaid Ahmad Wani, professor at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), Srinagar, told *DH*. "Unemployment, psychological stress, conflict-related trauma and weakened social structures are key factors, while rehabilitation capacity remains limited outside Srinagar," he said.

Kashmir's chief cleric and Hurriyat Conference chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, welcomed the crackdown on the menace, but cautioned that drug addiction could not be tackled by policing alone and required a holistic public health approach.

"A drug-free J&K needs collective effort beyond government," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said, arguing that addiction could not be addressed through enforcement alone. He also said that nobody was forcing anyone to drink, and liquor shops existed for those whose religion permitted alcohol consumption.

Iltija Mufti of the PDP countered: "If it's wrong to impose a liquor ban on Hindus, how did Gujarat and Bihar do it?"

The BJP, meanwhile, pushed the debate into a parallel moral and political argument by linking the anti-drug campaign with demands for a complete liquor ban in the UT. The party argued anti-narcotics efforts would lose credibility if alcohol remained legally accessible.

The BJP workers recently attempted to march towards the chief minister's residence in Srinagar, demanding a liquor-free J&K aligned with the anti-drug campaign.

"We believe there has to be a liquor-free campaign in tune with the drug-free drive in J&K. Unfortunately, the chief minister is justifying the sale of liquor by saying those who want to drink should do so. We condemn his statement," BJP spokesperson, Sajid Yousuf Shah, said.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah cautioned against reducing the campaign against addiction to politics over prohibition. He argued that substance abuse required sustained public health investment, stronger institutions and long-term rehabilitation systems rather than symbolic bans.

On the ground, rehabilitation centres outside Srinagar remain overstretched and under-resourced.

By placing the issue at the centre of political and administrative attention, the LG-led initiative has broken years of silence around a crisis often privately acknowledged but rarely addressed publicly at scale. The drug crisis in J&K is no longer a hidden affliction but a visible governance challenge, firmly on the policy agenda. Sinha's campaign has mobilised the administration, generated public participation and forced institutions to confront the crisis.

As states across India grapple with rising substance abuse, the J&K model may offer a template. Its long-term success, however, will depend on whether enforcement momentum is matched by sustained investment in rehabilitation, mental health infrastructure and community-based recovery systems.

Where hope withers, addiction thrives

ASIMA HASSAN

Kashmir's growing drug crisis is no longer just a local public health concern. It is becoming one of India's clearest warnings about what prolonged conflict, social stress and institutional fatigue can do to an entire generation of young people.

The most striking aspect of the crisis is that it is unfolding in a society long viewed as deeply conservative, religiously guided and socially regulated, where intoxicants historically carried strong social and moral stigma. Public drinking remained rare, community oversight was strong, and family as well as religious institutions traditionally acted as powerful checks against visible substance abuse.

Yet today, heroin and synthetic drugs have penetrated schools, colleges, villages and urban neighbourhoods at an alarming speed.

This contradiction challenges many assumptions India holds about addiction. Drug epidemics do not emerge only from permissive urban cultures. They also grow out of anxiety, emotional exhaustion, unemployment and collapsing social confidence. Kashmir today represents that convergence.

Decades of conflict have not only left visible political scars but also invisible psychological ones. A generation raised amid uncertainty, shutdowns, violence, militarisation and disrupted education has grown up carrying accumulated stress and emotional insecurity. While conflict alone cannot explain addiction, it has undoubtedly shaped the social environment in which vulnerability deepened.

The irony of Kashmir's drug crisis lies in its history. When militancy erupted in 1989, armed groups informally enforced bans on liquor shops, cinema halls and several forms of public entertainment as part of the Islamisation of public space during the insurgency years. Even after militancy declined, the social stigma around alcohol largely survived.

Yet, three decades later, the Valley is battling heroin addiction on a scale unimaginable in the 1990s.

That contradiction reveals an uncomfortable truth: conservative social structures alone cannot protect societies from narcotics epidemics. Addiction often grows not in permissive environments, but in psychologically strained ones.

The political debate around the liquor ban now reflects these wider anxieties. In Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party's demand for prohibition is as much about moral signalling and political positioning as it is about public health. The right-wing party understands that in a Muslim-majority society with deep cultural conservatism, the language of prohibition resonates strongly with public fears around social breakdown.

But comparisons with Gujarat and Bihar also complicate the debate. Both states enforce prohibition or tight alcohol restrictions, yet neither has escaped illicit trade, substance abuse or underground narcotics networks. Kashmir's heroin crisis itself expanded despite decades of social hostility towards alcohol.

The deeper issue, therefore, is not simply the availability of liquor. It is the slow erosion of emotional resilience within a conflict-scarred society.

At the same time, the recent "Nasha Mukt J&K" campaign has achieved something significant by bringing addiction out of silence and into mainstream public discussion. In conflict societies, acknowledgement itself can become an important first step. But visibility alone cannot substitute structural reform.

Public mobilisation must eventually translate into rehabilitation systems, school counselling, mental health outreach and employment-linked interventions.

Kashmir's addiction crisis should not be viewed merely through policing statistics or morality campaigns. It is fundamentally a story about social fatigue. That is perhaps the larger warning the Valley now offers for the rest of India: societies do not become vulnerable to addiction only when laws weaken. They become vulnerable when hope weakens.

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J&K: THE OTHER MENACE

THE CRISIS IN NUMBERS

Nearly **13.75 lakh** substance users, aged between 10 and 75 years, in J&K

- Alcohol: 3.90 lakh
- Sedatives: 1.70 lakh
- Cannabis: 1.40 lakh
- Inhalants: 1.35 lakh
- Opioids: 5.40 lakh

1.68 lakh minors (10–17 years) affected
95,000 minors are dependent on opioids

- **Opioids** now dominate Kashmir's addiction crisis
- Addicts use nearly **33,000 syringes** daily
- Most affected age group: **17–33 years**

Narcotics Seized by Drug Law Enforcement Agencies

2021	25,942
2022	20,857
2023	11,066
2024	5,707
2025	4.490

Narcotics Seized (in Kgs)

What is fuelling the crisis?

- Unemployment
- Conflict-related trauma
- Psychological stress
- Easy narcotics access
- Weak rehabilitation systems
- Social stigma
- Peer pressure and social media influence

Menace of Narco-Terror: Security and Public Health Crises

- Cross-border routes
- Interstate trafficking networks
- Local peddlers
- Youth addiction

IMHANS Srinagar registered 13,500 heroin addicts for treatment in 2021, up from **489 in 2016**

Concerns:

- Rehab facilities are mostly in Srinagar
- Limited access to treatment in rural areas
- High relapse rates
- Shortages of counsellors
- Rising pharmaceutical drug abuse

"Narco-terror is a silent war to bleed J&K dry. **MANOJ SINHA,** Lieutenant Governor

- LG Launched **a 100-day Nasha-Mukt J&K Abhiyan** on April 11, 2026
- Led padyatras across districts
- Outreach to schools and mosques
- Crackdowns on drug peddlers

"A drug-free J&K needs collective effort beyond government. **OMAR ABDULLAH,** Chief Minister

SOURCE: GOI REPORT TO PARLIAMENT, AIIMS-NDDTC SURVEY, IMHANS SRINAGAR

The quest for green hydrogen

The dream of clean hydrogen has tantalised energy experts. Today, many start-ups think the answer could lie beneath our feet, writes Brad Plumer

Outside Thetford Mines, Quebec — once the world's asbestos capital — a startup is drilling into bedrock in search of a new clean energy source.

Vema Hydrogen has sunk two 1,000-foot test wells into iron-rich rock and is injecting treated water to trigger a chemical reaction that could yield large quantities of hydrogen. "The potential is massive," said CEO Pierre Levin. "You can find rocks like this all over the world, enough to produce billions of tons of hydrogen."

Clean hydrogen has long tantalised energy experts. It burns without emissions and could theoretically replace fossil fuels in ships, planes, steel mills, and chemical plants — sectors where cutting emissions is notoriously hard. The obstacle has always been production. Most hydrogen today is produced from natural gas, which generates significant emissions. Green hydrogen from renewables has proved expensive and difficult to scale.

Now, a growing number of startups are betting the answer lies underground — either by finding natural hydrogen reservoirs or, like Vema, by stimulating the geological processes that create it. The field is called geologic hydrogen.

Hydrogen has significant theoretical potential as a substitute for fossil fuels in industries where it is difficult to find solutions to reduce emissions. NYT FILE PHOTO

An underground discovery

Hydrogen forms naturally in the Earth's crust when iron-rich minerals react with water — a process called serpentinization. For decades, geologists assumed any hydrogen produced this way would escape through rock fissures rather than accumulate underground.

That assumption has been overturned. In 1987, a worker in Mali accidentally ignited an apparently dry well, revealing a natural hydrogen reservoir now used to generate electricity for a nearby village. By the 2020s, scientists were estimating that underground hydrogen deposits could meet global demand for centuries. One promising location is North America's Midcontinent Rift, an iron-rich basalt formation stretching 1,200 miles from Kansas to Michigan.

The US Energy Department estimates geologic hydrogen could be produced for under $1 per kilogram — cheaper than fossil-fuel-derived hydrogen, and one-sixth the cost of green hydrogen from renewables.

Companies are racing to find it. Koloma, backed by Amazon and United Airlines, has raised $400 million and drilled in Iowa. Australian firm HyTerra is searching Kansas and Nebraska, finding hydrogen in early wells but still testing flow rates. CEO Riley Kemp compares the work to early oil exploration — lots of drilling before a gusher.

The hurdles are real. Promising regions have been identified, but drilling remains expensive and uncertain. Geological mapping is still in its early stages, with companies hoarding data. Permitting delays and unknown environmental risks could further slow progress.

'We are very ambitious'

Not everyone thinks the best strategy is to search for natural deposits underground. A better idea is to create them.

In Quebec, Vema plans to spend the rest of the year injecting water into its underground test wells to see whether it can accelerate the serpentinization process that produces natural hydrogen underground. On a recent spring day, a drilling crew near Thetford Mines was inserting pipe into a well while geologists scrutinised rock cores pulled from the ground.

The rock formations here, known as ophiolites, were created more than 400 million years ago when a large chunk of Earth's oceanic crust was thrust upward. These formations are rich in asbestos, and Thetford Mines was once known as the asbestos capital of the world, until the health risks of the material became well known and the mines shut down. capital of the world, until the health risks of the material became well known and the mines shut down. The rock might also be rich in hydrogen.

Carl Hinds, Vema's operations engineer, held a handful of wet rock cuttings that had come out of one well. They were dark green, showing signs of serpentinization.

Vema's researchers have spent years in the lab experimenting with precise combinations of water, temperature, pressure, and chemical catalysts to optimise hydrogen production in different types of rocks underground. Levin, the company's co-founder, calls it Vema's "special sauce."

The company also needs to find the right type of rocks underground. They need to be partly serpentinized so that water can flow through, but not so fractured that the hydrogen escapes.

Outside experts say efforts to engineer hydrogen underground are plausible but not yet proven. Hydrogen could leak from the ground. Or unseen microbes might devour the gas before it can be used. Injecting water into rocks can also cause them to swell, creating the risk of surface deformations or earthquakes.

Levin, who was trained as a mining engineer and geologist, says the company is prepared for challenges as it moves from the lab to the field. "Anyone who works in the subsurface knows that if you expect things to work by the book on the first try, it's not happening," he said. Vema hopes to start full-scale production in 2028, with a goal of producing hydrogen that can eventually be cheaper than traditional forms.

If it works, the question is what to do with the fuel. While hydrogen could be used for almost anything, from powering cars to generating electricity, it is notoriously difficult to transport and store. That means any geologic hydrogen likely needs to be used as close as possible to the production site.

One proposal is to convert the gas into a clean liquid fuel for ships known as methanol. In recent years, governments have pressured shipping companies to cut their use of oil-based fuels and reduce their planet-warming emissions. Since it is hard to run hulking container ships on batteries, many companies are looking at using green methanol made from hydrogen and recycled carbon. But finding cheap hydrogen is tough.

Two years ago, this felt hypothetical. But today the industry knows they can make hydrogen underground — the only question is whether we can make it economic.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DID YOU KNOW?

A count for Asia's vanishing buntings

A first-of-its-kind, internationally-coordinated census has recorded 187,310 Yellow-breasted Buntings across six Asian countries, offering the clearest picture yet of the endangered species that has lost up to 95% of its population since 1980.

The count, conducted between mid-February and mid-March 2026, involved researchers from Nepal, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia. Thailand recorded the highest numbers (126,076 birds across six sites), followed by Myanmar (49,086) and Cambodia (10,407). Nepal counted 1,741 birds. No major roost was found in Laos.

Surveyors found it difficult to count roosts in India using the current protocol, but birders have observed many hundreds of Yellow-breasted Buntings there that winter, says Ashwin Viswanathan of Bird Count India.

Once among the most abundant landbirds in Eurasia — with a global population estimated at over 100 million before the 1990s — the Yellow-breasted Bunting has been on the IUCN Critically Endangered list since 2017. Mass hunting along migratory routes is considered the primary driver of its collapse, compounded by the destruction of wetlands and farmland, as well as the use of agrochemicals.

Researchers say that 187,310 represents a fraction of the true population, since the census covered a limited number of roost sites and did not account for birds roosting outside the counted areas. The figure is intended as a baseline for future monitoring, not a total headcount.

The census was preceded by years of international coordination, including methodology workshops in Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia in 2023–24, as well as a dedicated session at the Second Asian Ornithological Conference in Beijing in 2024. A preparatory workshop in Khon Kaen, Thailand, in March 2025, finalised the protocol.

Running alongside the roost count, a Winter Bunting Count from November 2025 to April 2026 logged 25,232 eBird entries across eight bunting species from 20 Asian countries, expanding the evidence base further.

Organisers describe the exercise as the beginning of a new era in Asian landbird conservation. A standardised census manual is under development, and coordinators plan to expand site coverage in subsequent years. They also frame the bunting's trajectory as a warning signal for farmland and grassland bird species across the continent, many of which are showing similar declines.

- DHNS

10 states, 24 seats: RS polls on June 18; Oppn eyes small gains

NDA set to retain strength; bypolls in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Elections to 24 Rajya Sabha seats across 10 states, including four in Karnataka, along with bypolls to two seats in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, will be held on June 18. The Opposition is expected to register a marginal gain, while the ruling NDA may retain its current strength.

Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, senior Congress MP Digvijaya Singh and Union ministers George Kurien and Ravneet Singh Bittu are among the prominent members retiring next month.

Elections will be held in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat (4 seats each), Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh (3 each), Jharkhand (2), Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal and Mizoram (one each).

Bypolls to two Rajya Sabha seats in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu — vacated following the resignations of NCP's Sunetra Pawar, who became Maharashtra deputy CM, and AIADMK's C Ve Shanmugam, who became an MLA — will also be held on the same day.

Of the 26 seats, including the two bypolls, the NDA holds 18 seats, while the Congress has four, JMM one, and YSR Congress three. If MLAs vote along party lines, the NDA is likely to retain 18, while the Opposition's tally could rise from five to eight. The YSR Congress is likely to lose all three of its seats.

This election may also see the Congress losing its representation from Gujarat, where the BJP had swept the last polls.

Andhra Pradesh is one state where the NDA will gain following the decimation of the YSR Congress. While the TDP may take the larger share, allies BJP and Jana Sena are also expected to stake claim. Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla, Parimal Nathwani, P Subhaschandra Bose (all YSR Congress), and S Satish Babu (TDP) are the MPs retiring.

In Gujarat, the BJP is likely to win all four seats, including the one vacated by Congress' Shaktisinh Gohil. At present, the party has three sitting MPs — RH Mokariya, Narhari Amin and Ramila Becharbhai Bara.

Jharkhand has two JMM seats going to the polls, including one vacated following the death of former CM Shibu Soren. Both seats are likely to be retained by the JMM coalition, though it remains to be seen whether the Hemant Soren-led party will concede one to the Congress.

The terms of Congress' Digvijaya Singh, Union Minister George Kurien and BJP's Sumer Singh Solanki end next month. Singh has already announced he will not seek another term, sparking lobbying for the seat, including by veteran Kamal Nath.

In Rajasthan, the status quo is likely to be maintained with the BJP and Congress poised to win two and one seats respectively. Congress' Neeraj Dangi and BJP's Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu and Rajendra Gehlot are retiring.

One seat each in Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram are also going to polls on June 18.

The battle for Upper House

- Kharge, Deve Gowda among prominent MPs retiring
- Bypolls in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu add to RS battle
- Congress faces Gujarat wipeout as BJP targets all four
- YSR Congress set to lose all three seats in Andhra
- JMM likely to retain Jharkhand seats
- Status quo likely in Rajasthan, with 2 for BJP, one for Cong
- Regional parties hold key in Northeast seats

With new ally TVK by its side, TN Congress aims for RS seat

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

If all goes well, the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) will add another Rajya Sabha MP to its kitty. The party has sought the support of its new ally, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), for the June 18 byelection to the seat that fell vacant due to the resignation of AIADMK's C Ve Shanmugam.

With 107 MLAs, the TVK can easily secure the seat without a contest, marking its Rajya Sabha debut within 26 months of its launch. However, the party is considering allotting the seat to the Congress, which has five MLAs in the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

If the TVK allots the seat to the party, the Congress is likely to nominate Praveen Chakravarty, the chief of the All India Professionals' Congress.

The byelection was necessitated after Shanmugam resigned following his election to the Assembly from Mailam constituency in Villupuram district. His tenure as an MP was to end in June 2028.

"We have requested Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay to allot the RS seat to the Congress as we look to strengthen our presence in the Upper House. We don't see any reason for him to reject our request," a source aware of the developments told *DH*.

The request was made to Vijay after the Congress formally submitted the letter of support of its five MLAs to the TVK government.

A source in the TVK confirmed the request from the Congress for the RS seat, saying a decision in this regard will be taken by the party president in due course. If the TVK allots the seat to the Congress, the party's next chance to enter the Rajya Sabha independently will come in 2028 when six members from the state retire.

On Chakravarty, another source said, "He is the most obvious choice as he has been trying for an RS seat for some time. The fact that he enjoys good relations with Vijay is an added advantage for him."

Chakravarty, a close aide of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, has been a strong proponent of the Congress-TVK alliance even before the 2026 Assembly elections.

If the Congress is allotted the seat, the number of Rajya Sabha MPs from the state will rise to three, along with P Chidambaram and Christoper Tilak.

Fresh Ladakh talks raise hopes of political breakthrough

SRINAGAR, DHNS: The Centre on Friday held crucial talks with Ladakh leaders over demands for democratic restoration and constitutional safeguards.

The meeting between Ministry of Home Affairs officials and representatives of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance comes amid sustained protests in the strategically sensitive Himalayan region over statehood, Sixth Schedule and other demands after Ladakh was carved out as a separate Union Territory from erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019.

While no formal agreement was announced, sources described the meeting as "positive" and said both sides explored possible mechanisms to provide Ladakh greater political and administrative autonomy.

According to the sources, talks explored the possibility of a strengthened Union Territory-level governance structure with enhanced powers for elected representatives.

Constitutional safeguards similar to Article 371 provisions also figured during the deliberations.

Bengal CM vows to implement stalled central schemes

NEW DELHI, DHNS: In his first visit to Delhi as West Bengal chief minister, Suvendu Adhikari on Friday paid courtesy calls on President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president Nitin Nabin, as well as party general secretary BL Santosh and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The Bengal CM said that with the TMC government gone, the new BJP administration will implement central schemes and initiatives that had been stalled.

Adhikari also held discussions with the party leadership on portfolio distribution, though he remained tight-lipped about the details. The Cabinet expansion is expected by June.

"Enrolling beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat is no small task. Then there are the applications for the Vishwakarma Scheme — 800,000 of which had been pending for two years," he said.

PM Narendra Modi and Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides take a selfie in New Delhi. PTI

India, Cyprus seal defence roadmap

New Delhi responds to Turkiye-Pakistan ties

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India on Friday announced a five-year roadmap for defence cooperation with Cyprus — sending a signal to Türkiye, which has often supported Pakistan in questioning Jammu and Kashmir's status as part of India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides in New Delhi, and the two leaders agreed to elevate the bilateral ties to a strategic partnership.

"This strategic partnership... will unlock capital for commerce by connecting the financial and services hubs of both countries. It will create new opportunities for Indian companies in Cyprus' infrastructure, energy and agriculture sectors, while also bringing fresh investment into India's rapidly growing shipping and maritime sectors," Modi said.

Cyprus, currently presiding over the Council of the European Union, is emerging as an important investment gateway between India and the whole of Europe, Modi said.

India and the EU announced the conclusion of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement on January 27.

Modi noted that defence and security cooperation was another important pillar of the India-Cyprus relationship. "We are pleased that military exchanges and training cooperation between our countries have expanded in recent years. Today, we also decided to further strengthen cooperation in cybersecurity, maritime security, and counterterrorism," he said, adding that they have set the target to double Cyprus' investment in India over the next five years.

The two sides called for "full respect of the relevant United Nations resolutions and International Law, so as not to undermine efforts towards a negotiated peaceful solution."

Cyprus has been one of the regional adversaries of Türkiye, which supported Pakistan's plea in favour of the "right to self-determination" of Kashmiris.

Rebel AIADMK MLAs say not splitting party after TVK snub

CHENNAI, DHNS

In a huge climbdown, the splinter AIADMK group on Friday said it had no intention to split the party and that it supported the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) only to reinforce the party's continued anti-DMK stand.

Former minister S P Velumani, one of the prime movers behind the rebel group, reiterated that there was no doubt that the AIADMK continued to be helmed by Edappadi K Palaniswami.

Velumani also said that the rebel group never lobbied the TVK for Cabinet berths, and that its support was only to respect the people's mandate.

His remarks assumed significance as they came a day after the TVK shut its doors on the rebels by not accommodating them in the Cabinet.

S P VELUMANI
AIADMK MLA

"We have clarified multiple times that we never asked for cabinet berths. Our support for TVK was only to reinforce our anti DMK stand and ensure that the TVK government doesn't come under the control of the DMK.

It was widely speculated that about six to eight rebel MLAs would be accommodated in the Cabinet.

His statement also hinted at the rebel MLAs returning to the AIADMK eventually, if not immediately.

As many as 25 MLAs rebelled against AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami immediately after the election results on May 4, and later voted in favour of a TVK government on the floor of the Assembly.

The rebel group lost steam soon after as a couple of MLAs shifted their allegiance back to Palaniswami. The weakening became even more evident on Thursday, when the number of MLAs supporting the rebel group also decreased significantly.

After the TVK snub, it had also tried to do some damage control by saying that its only demand was to convene the party's General Council to discuss the electoral defeat.

The MLAs could have also faced disqualification for going against the "whip" by voting for the TVK government if EPS, as the leader of the AIADMK, insisted on it before Speaker J C D Prabhakar.

BRS targets Revanth over 'delay' in arrest of Bandi Sanjay's son

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Political tensions escalated in Telangana on Friday over "delay" in the arrest of Sai Bageerath, the son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay, in connection with a Pocso case.

BRS working president K T Rama Rao accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of shielding the accused for nine days before the arrest and alleged that the victim's family was threatened and subjected to a counter-case.

KTR questioned why the minor girl and her parents were allegedly kept waiting at a police station until midnight after reporting the case. He said the arrest came only after the Telangana High Court denied bail and public criticism intensified across the state.

He also criticised Reddy's explanation that police delays were linked to security arrangements for the Prime Minister's state visit.

VCK, IUML formally join Vijay's Cabinet

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Prominent Dalit party Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), which emerged as a kingmaker with two MLAs, on Friday formally joined Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's Cabinet along with the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), marking a new beginning for the two parties as Tamil Nadu ushered in a coalition era for the first time since 1952.

Vanni Arasu — a prominent Dalit activist and longtime aide of VCK chief Thol Thirumaavalavan — and A M Shahjahan were sworn in as ministers by Governor R V Arlekar at a simple ceremony at the Lok Bhavan here.

Vanni Arasu has been allotted the Adi Dravidar Welfare and Hill Tribes portfolio, while Shahjahan is the minister for Minorities Welfare and Wakf Board.

With this, the number of ministers in the Cabinet went up to 35 — the maximum limit allowed, including the chief minister.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister S Joseph Vijay with newly sworn-in Congress MLAs S Rajesh Kumar and P Viswanathan, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) MLA Vanni Arasu and IUML MLA AM Shahjahan in Chennai on Friday. PTI

Coalition govt

This was the first time that Tamil Nadu witnessed the formation of a coalition government after states were reorganised on a linguistic basis.

It was also a fulfilment of Vijay's promise: At the formal launch of the TVK in October 2024, he had promised to share power with parties that joined the alliance led by his outfit.

While the Congress is enjoying power in Tamil Nadu after 59 years, this is the first time the VCK and the IUML have joined the government.

The DMK and the AIADMK, which ruled the state alternately since 1967, were averse to sharing power with allies despite contesting elections as a bloc.

For the VCK and Thirumaavalavan, who fought for the emancipation of Dalits for the past 30 years, the party's induction into the government is a significant development at a time when Dalits appeared to have voted overwhelmingly for the TVK.

'Historic opportunity'

The VCK was in a dilemma over joining the TVK dispensation as Thirumaavalavan was unwilling to walk out of the DMK alliance immediately, but party seniors pushed to join the Cabinet, contending that such a "historic opportunity" would not come again.

Though the VCK was elated at realising one of its founding goals, the party's erstwhile ally — the DMK — did not hide its disappointment as longtime allies jumped ship.

I-PAC case: SC to hear ED plea in August

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court on Friday said it would hear on August 18 the Enforcement Directorate (ED) plea alleging obstruction by the then West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and other state authorities during its January 8 search of the office of political consultancy firm I-PAC in Kolkata.

A bench of justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and N V Anjaria said it would hear the matter after the summer break.

"We will hear it after partial working days," it said.

Alleging complete breakdown of law and order in West Bengal, The ED had claimed in the apex court on April 23 that Banerjee used the state machinery to obstruct its money-laundering probe against I-PAC.

Centre to bring back deportees from B'desh, SC told

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Central government has decided to bring back individuals deported to Bangladesh and verify their claims of Indian citizenship, the Supreme Court was informed on Friday.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi heard the Centre's appeal against a September 26, 2025, Calcutta High Court order.

The HC had struck down the deportation of Sunali Khatun and others as "illegal".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the court that, considering the specific facts of the case and without setting a precedent, the government would repatriate the deportees.

"The government will bring them back and thereafter examine their status. Depending on the outcome, we will take steps accordingly," Mehta submitted. He added that the process of bringing them back might take eight to 10 days.

The court has now posted the matter for further hearing in July.

The Calcutta HC had criticised the "hot haste" in which the individuals were arrested on June 21, 2025, and deported by June 26 without a proper hearing.

DEFENCE PUSH

After 'bhakti', Shirdi to showcase 'shakti'

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
SHIRDI (AHILYANAGAR), DHNS

Known globally as the abode of Sai Baba of Shirdi, the bustling temple town in Maharashtra's Ahilyanagar district is preparing to emerge as a major hub for India's defence and aerospace manufacturing ambitions.

Nibe Limited is set to manufacture missiles, drones, artillery shells and optical satellites in the temple town.

The company's facility aims to produce five lakh artillery shells of various calibres annually, which it claims would be the highest production capacity by a private company in India.

The 200-acre Nibe Group facility in the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) area in Shirdi is buzzing with activity ahead of its inauguration by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday.

Nibe Limited to manufacture missiles, drones, artillery shells and optical satellites in the temple town. DH PHOTO

"Shirdi represents a confluence of bhakti (devotion) and shakti (power). On one hand, it is blessed by Sai Baba, while on the other we aim to develop it into a major defence and aerospace manufacturing hub," MLA Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil said.

The group plans to invest nearly Rs 10,000 crore over the next few years in defence and aerospace manufacturing as it seeks to expand its presence in India's private defence sector.

Speaking about the artillery shell programme, Nibe said achieving an annual output of five lakh shells would be a significant challenge.

"The production is meant primarily for exports. However, whenever the Indian armed forces require it, we are ready," he said.

SP poll deal to be hard bargain for Cong

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

There are strong indications that Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav intends to drive a "hard bargain" with the Congress over seat-sharing in the next Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls and may not yield to pressure tactics.

All this is notwithstanding his remarks that the I.N.D.I.A bloc was intact in the state, and that his party's alliance with the Congress would continue there.

Akhilesh Yadav

Akhilesh made his stance clear while speaking to reporters here recently, saying that the seat-sharing basis would not be numbers but victory.

"It's a message to the Congress that it should not expect much in terms of seats from the SP, and also that chances of winning will decide the number of seats to be given to it," a senior SP leader told *DH* here.

He said that the Congress should not "overestimate" its strength in UP. "The Congress lacks organisational structure in the state," he said.

"What will ultimately matter is victory, and it should be the only criterion for seat-sharing... After all, it will also be in the interest of the Congress that the I.N.D.I.A bloc does well in the Assembly polls," said the leader.

Meanwhile, the Congress has sent feelers to BSP supremo Mayawati about joining the grand Opposition alliance, apparently to send the message to the SP that it had "options" in UP.

Congress leaders recently landed at Mayawati's doorstep uninvited, but she snubbed them. They had to return without meeting her.

Congress leaders may have sought to wriggle out of the situation by saying that they only wanted to inquire about Mayawati's health. However, sources in the party's state unit said they wanted to send a message to Akhilesh that they had other options in UP.

The SP and the Congress contested the 2024 LS polls in alliance in UP, and managed to reduce the BJP tally considerably. The alliance won 44 seats, while BJP won only 33 of the total 80. "The Congress has influence in pockets in UP, but it may divide the Muslim votes if it contests alone, hurting the SP's prospects," said a political analyst.

Cong reworks UP strategy to attract backward classes

NEW DELHI, DHNS: With the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections less than 10 months away, the Congress is changing gears to attract the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) with a meeting in Lucknow in mid-June, following similar programmes for other groups in the past few months.

Sources said the party was seeking to consolidate OBC communities that were identified as extremely backward.

The Congress has already conducted targeted meetings with farmers, lawyers, Jats, Gurjars, Passis, Nishads, Lodhis and upper castes, among others, in the past months. It is now expanding its outreach to recreate the 2024 Lok Sabha election "magic", when it won six seats with the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday returned to the theme at the "Bahujan Swabhiman Sabha" in Rae Bareli, calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah "traitors" for "weakening and destroying" the Constitution.

As part of its plan to rejuvenate its grassroots, the Congress has decided to fight both the MLC elections and the panchayat polls.

Congress general secretary and UP in-charge Avinash Pande earlier said the plan was to contest all seats in 57,961 panchayats, 826 blocks, and around 3,500 seats in 75 district panchayats.

OUTREACH

- Cong expanding outreach to recreate the 2024 LS poll 'magic', when it won six seats
- It had contested the election with the SP, banking on a campaign that emphasised saving the Constitution

NCERT textbook row: SC withdraws order blacklisting academics

Allows central, state institutions to decide on associating with them

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday recalled its earlier order that had blacklisted three academics involved in the drafting of a controversial chapter on corruption in the judiciary in an NCERT Class 8 textbook.

It also allowed Central and state institutions to independently decide on associating with them in academic projects.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi expressed satisfaction with the explanation the academics offered — that the chapter was prepared collectively and without malice.

THE CONTROVERSY

- Row started over chapter in NCERT Class 8 Social Science textbook that discussed corruption in judiciary
- On Feb 26, Supreme Court imposed complete ban on publication, reprinting, or digital dissemination of the textbook
- On March 11, it directed Centre and all states to disassociate from the three academics – Michel Danino, Alok Prasanna Kumar, and Suparna Diwakar

The ruling is likely to bring relief to the three academics, who had expressed concern over the far-reaching consequences of the earlier order on their professional careers.

The court also expunged the adverse observations made in its March 11 order, in which it had accused the academics of deliberately misrepresenting facts to project a negative image of the Indian judiciary.

The controversy arose over a chapter in the NCERT Class 8 Social Science textbook that discussed corruption in the judiciary.

On February 26, the Supreme Court imposed a complete ban on the publication, reprinting, or digital dissemination of the textbook.

On March 11, the court directed the Centre and all states to disassociate from the three academics — Michel Danino, Alok Prasanna Kumar, and Suparna Diwakar — citing the "offending" content.

On Friday, during the hearing, senior advocate Shyam Divan, who appeared for Michel Danino, argued that the apex court's March 11 order was passed without hearing the academics, and that the content was not a case of individual authorship but a collective decision of the committee.

The court accepted the academics' contention that they were not "fly-by-night" operators but individuals with established credibility, and withdrew the blacklisting order.

SC to hear plea against CBSE's 3-language policy next week

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine next week a petition challenging the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) decision making the study of three languages, including at least two native Indian languages, compulsory for Class 9 students from July 1.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the petitioners, mentioned the matter before a bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi.

He described the petition as an urgent Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by students, teachers and parents.

"The new policy of the CBSE makes two additional languages compulsory in Class 9. This will create chaos," Rohatgi submitted, urging the court to list the matter preferably on Monday.

The Chief Justice, however, said the plea would be heard next week during the miscellaneous matters listing.

The CBSE's recent circular, which comes into effect from the new academic session, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The policy promotes multilingualism through the three-language formula, encouraging students to learn at least two Indian languages alongside one other language, while leaving implementation flexibility to states and individual schools.

The petitioners have raised concerns over the feasibility and potential burden the mandatory three-language requirement may impose on students and the education system.

Centre cites Kasab, Saeed examples in UAPA bail debate

NEW DELHI, DHNS: As two Supreme Court benches delivered conflicting rulings on bail under the UAPA, the Centre on Friday asked if the principle 'bail is the rule and jail is the exception' could apply to 2008 Mumbai terror attack convict Ajmal Kasab and Lashkar-e-Toiba founder Hafiz Saeed.

Additional Solicitor General SV Raju and advocate Rajat Nair gave these examples before a bench led by Justice Aravind Kumar, asking whether the two would have secured bail under such circumstances.

On the principle that 'bail is the rule', the Centre's counsel questioned whether it would apply in cases involving serious terror charges if trials are delayed. They emphasised that the question of bail should depend on the facts of each case.

Raju argued, "If you take the case of Ajmal Kasab, there are a large number of witnesses. Will you grant him bail simply because he has been in jail for seven or eight years?"

"Suppose Hafiz Saeed is brought from Pakistan and tried, and he remains in jail for five years because evidence has to be collected from abroad. Will you release him on bail?" Raju asked.

47,000 children untraced; police told to file FIRs without delay

NEW DELHI, PTI: Noting that 47,000 children remain untraced in India as of date, the Supreme Court on Friday directed police authorities across the country to immediately register FIRs in cases of missing persons and said the anti-human trafficking units should be made fully functional within four weeks.

Issuing a slew of directions, a bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and R Mahadevan expressed displeasure over the rise in the number of cases of missing children. It said they are often victims of organised interstate trafficking syndicates.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs is directed to put in place an all-India grid connecting each and every police station in the country on one platform, which will have a special portal dedicated to human trafficking, including missing children and women," the bench said.

"The police stations concerned are directed to immediately institute an FIR the moment any information reaches them with regard to any person missing, without waiting for a preliminary inquiry or leaving it to the guardians of the missing persons.... The said FIR shall mandatorily incorporate the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, relating to kidnapping/trafficking," the bench said.

The court said whenever a child goes missing, authorities should proceed on the presumption of kidnapping or abduction from the outset.

It said registering such cases under the penal provisions for kidnapping would ensure seriousness in investigation and avoid delays.

The apex court also directed that the children who are traced should ordinarily be handed over to their families within 24 hours, unless there are indications that the family itself was involved in trafficking or exploitation.

"The moment any person is recovered or rescued, he/she should be taken for Aadhaar verification or for the making of an Aadhaar card," the bench said.

The directions were passed on a petition filed by one G Ganesh before the Madras High Court after his daughter went missing from Chennai on September 19, 2011.

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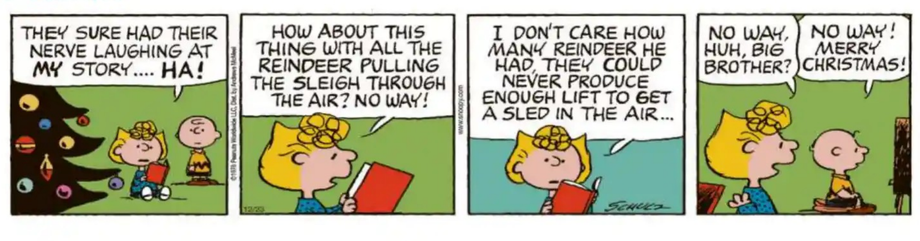
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NO WAY, HUH, BIG BROTHER?
NO WAY! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Marvin

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Are you sure you have everything?
I don't want to bring much. It's only overnight.
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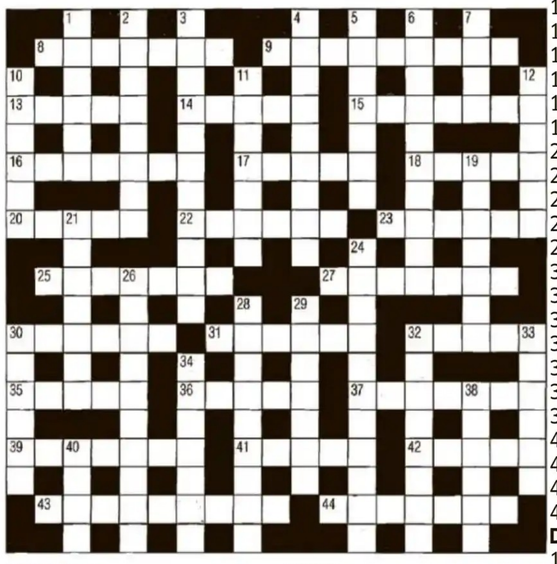
Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOCK CHEER WAFFLE POLICY
Answer: Deciding what to serve at her birthday party was a — PIECE OF CAKE

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 4041



CRYPTIC

ACROSS
8 Left the light on for show (7)
9 Introduced the topic of being fostered (7,2)
13 Ray, come off it! (5)
14 A church-woman from the country (5)
15 Stand up and look angry (7)
16 You can do it with a spurt - from the sauce bottle (7)
17 Drink to the Queen? Great! (5)
18 Didn't lie - was a candidate (5)
20 Positions the TV one's brought back (5)
22 Tell you later to translate to English (6)
23 It's bed-time - get on with the yarn (6)
25 The demo in favour of, try to join (7)
27 Deliver, as I go out, a plant (7)
30 A reason against having the name in pencil (6)
31 The chap dropped the ball-point (6)
32 Wants to give the English within a send-off (5)
35 Will be right back - out getting fish (5)
36 Diana and Reginald redesigned the crest (5)
37 Not an index of the famous (7)
39 Notice the attire as you speak to (7)
41 Go off, alternatively, to get an engine part (5)
42 Sign and bring right back to one (5)
43 Coax to have a game of golf (3,6)
44 In what way can a fish be sounding unhappy? (7)

DOWN
1 Tried, as a son should (6)
2 Pains one gets after the operation (8)
3 Slogan there's something infectious about? (5,6)
4 Tremendous compassion evidenced by "What a shame!" (5,4)
5 Issues the desensitisers (7)
6 A shop in Fetter Lane? (5,5)
7 Only said he's an object of ridicule (4)
10 Pants but isn't exerting oneself (6)
11 The gentleman got up only to have something to eat (7)
12 Ready to go walkies when you tempt into trouble (4,2)
19 In summer, such a chance as we have of dining alfresco? (7)
21 Also coming through is a terrible darn storm (7)
24 An attractive part of the house? (7-4)
26 Was struck by how one accepted blame (4,3,3)
28 Mistaken in having taken a toadstool for a mushroom? (4,5)
29 From the altar, be whisked off to Canada, somewhere (7)
30 Sleep you won't have when dog tired? (6)
32 Don't mention it in any way, shape or form! (3,2,3)
33 Turning up as news editor in a country abroad (6)
34 Continue as before, getting the sons worried (5,2)
38 Very bright or black and showery (6)
40 You can take it up, too, for something to do (4)

EASY

ACROSS
8 Dashing manner (7)
9 Conceited (9)
13 Swiftness (5)
14 Go in (5)
15 Large cat (7)
16 Huge (7)
17 Run away to marry (5)
18 Synthetic material (5)
20 Large antelope (5)
22 Transparent (6)
23 Bridgelike framework (6)
25 Excite (7)
27 Intestinal infection (7)
30 European sea (6)
31 Novelist (6)
32 Broods sullenly (5)
35 Desert plants (5)
36 Smells strongly (5)
37 Successful youngster? (4,3)
39 Geometrical figure (7)
41 Odour (5)
42 Confess (5)
43 Leading attack force (9)
44 Chivalrous (7)

DOWN
1 Fragrant substance (6)
2 Swayed dangerously (8)
3 Loosely woven material (11)
4 Liver disease (9)
5 Cheerful (7)
6 Round metal shot (10)
7 Net (4)
10 Holy place (6)
11 Brooks (7)
12 Strong spirit (6)
19 Word for word (7)
21 Pure and beautiful (7)
24 Necessary resources (11)
26 Fluent in three languages (10)
28 Very famous person (9)
29 Subdue (7)
30 Arm muscle (6)
32 Appropriate (8)
33 Habitually calm (6)
34 Brittle-sounding (7)
38 Japanese robe (6)
40 Long steady gait (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12422

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Sp-oof 6, Pat-C-h 9, Fair-way 10, Craft 11, Sepia 12, CL-ass 13, Locally 15, Pet 17, Only 18, Polish 19, Ibs-E-n 20, Things 22, Lo-ss 24, Sam 25, En-title 26, Holly 27, Oscar 28, Eider 29, Venture 30, Crie-d 31, Asset
DOWN: 2, P-arson 3, Off day 4, Fat 5, Truly 6, Pass-I-on 7, A-yes 8, C-rises 12, Clubs 13, Lo-U-ts 14, CL-aim 15, Pilot 16, Those 18, Penny 19, Ignored 21, Hawser 22, LI-lies 23, Sleeve 25, El-ate 26, H-ave. 28, Era

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Crept 6, Mince 9, Located 10, Scrap 11, Never 12, Delta 13, Blocked 15, Wad 17, Else 18, Bovine 19, Ashen 20, Swerve 22, Cede 24, Tar 25, Trainer 26, Tried 27, Merit 28, Wafer 29, Removed 30, Asked 31, Taper
DOWN: 2, Recall 3, Plaice 4, Top 5, Tamed 6, Mention 7, Idea 8, Cretan 12, Dense 13, Beast 14, Osier 15, Widen 16, Defer 18, Beard 19, Averted 21, Wagers 22, Cicada 23, Delete 25, Tenor 26, Tire 28, Wet

◆ SU-DO-KU-6913 ◆

				7				2
9		4						
5	2		4				8	
	8				5			
	1	7	3		8	4	9	
			1				3	
	5				2		6	9
						8		3
7				6				

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SOLUTION TO 6912

5	3	9	6	8	7	2	1	4
7	8	6	1	2	4	9	5	3
2	4	1	5	9	3	6	7	8
8	5	7	9	4	6	1	3	2
4	6	3	7	1	2	8	9	5
1	9	2	3	5	8	7	4	6
3	1	5	2	6	9	4	8	7
9	2	4	8	7	5	3	6	1
6	7	8	4	3	1	5	2	9

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E1	E1	E1	G2	S1	Z10	R1	4th Letter Triple
T1	T1	S1	S1	M3	A1	I1	Double Word Score
A1	L1	O1	R1	V4	I1	I1	
N1	E1	U1	A1	C3	F4	R1	

RACK 1 | RACK 2 | RACK 3 | RACK 4

PAR SCORE 180-190
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

S1	E1	N1	S1	U1	A1	L1	RACK 1	= 71
P3	R1	O1	S1	A1	I1	C3	RACK 2	= 61
S1	C3	H4	E1	M3	E1		RACK 3	= 13
I1	G2	N1	I1	T1	E1	S1	RACK 4	= 66
								211

PAR SCORE 135-145 JUDD'S TOTAL

HITORI-3367

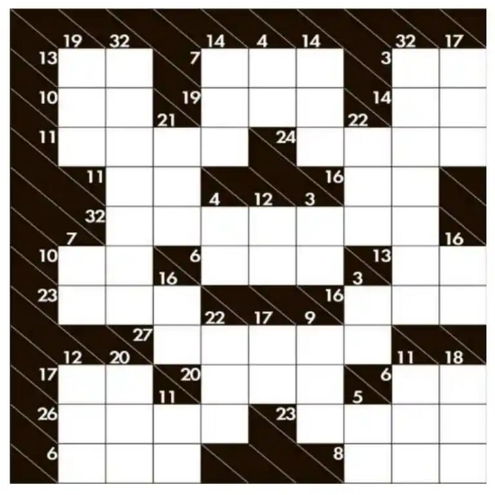
7	6	3	5	5	2	4	1
4	8	1	2	6	6	5	5
1	5	2	8	2	7	6	3
7	7	6	3	8	7	1	2
8	4	5	5	3	6	2	2
6	2	2	7	3	2	8	4
4	2	2	1	2	5	5	7
2	2	8	4	7	1	3	4

SOLUTION TO 3366

1	8	2	■	5	6	3	■
8	■	5	2	■	1	■	6
2	5	■	8	3	4	6	7
■	1	3	■	4	7	■	2
7	3	■	6	1	2	5	■
6	■	8	7	■	3	■	1
3	2	■	1	6	5	7	4
■	6	4	■	8	■	1	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3367



SOLUTION TO 3366

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3924

9					7			5
	■						■	
		7			6	■		
		3	■		■			8
				■		9	2	
6	7	4	■		■			1
	6	■		3		■	5	
	4		9				8	
■		1						■

SOLUTION TO 3923

7	3	9	6	8	5	2	1	4
5	8	4	2	9	1	7	3	6
6	1	2	3	4	7	5	8	9
1	5	3	4	2	6	9	7	8
2	7	8	5	1	9	4	6	3
4	9	6	8	7	3	1	5	2
3	4	7	9	5	8	6	2	1
8	2	5	1	6	4	3	9	7
9	6	1	7	3	2	8	4	5

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

US intelligence director Tulsi Gabbard resigns

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI: Tulsi Gabbard resigned as President Donald Trump's director of national intelligence on Friday, saying she needed to step away as her husband battles cancer. She is the fourth Cabinet official to depart during Trump's second term.

Gabbard

"Unfortunately, I must submit my resignation, effective June 30, 2026," Gabbard wrote in her resignation letter, which she posted on X. "My husband, Abraham, has recently been diagnosed with an extremely rare form of bone cancer."

Trump hailed Gabbard on Friday for her service. "Tulsi has done an incredible job, and we will miss her," Trump said on his Truth Social network, adding that her deputy Aaron Lukas would serve as acting Director of National Intelligence.

Joe Kent, the director of the National Counterterrorism Center, announced his resignation in March, saying he "cannot in good conscience" back the war.

Gabbard, a veteran and former Democratic congresswoman from Hawaii, built her political name on her opposition to foreign wars. This put her in an awkward position when the US joined Israel in launching attacks on Iran on February 28. Gabbard, 44, was born in the US territory of American Samoa, raised in Hawaii.

She was first elected as a 21-year-old to Hawaii's House of Representatives. As the first Hindu member of the House, Gabbard was sworn into office with her hand on the Bhagavad Gita.

Munir rushes to Tehran again to save US-Iran truce

Qatar also sends mediators to meet Iranian officials

ISLAMABAD, PTI

Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir arrived in Tehran on Friday for a crucial visit aimed at expediting efforts to secure a deal between the US and Iran to end the war in the region, the army said.

According to a statement issued by the army, Munir's visit is "part of ongoing mediation efforts". On arrival, he was received by Iranian Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni at the airport. Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi was also present, the statement said.

Munir's second visit to Tehran in little more than a month comes amid reports of progress in talks held by Naqvi, who has been in Iran since Wednesday and has met top Iranian leaders, including Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi twice. Munir is expected to meet senior Iranian officials to discuss the ongoing Iran-US talks, regional peace and stability, and other matters of mutual interest, sources said.

His visit follows remarks by Foreign Office spokesperson Tahir Andrabi, who said he could "neither deny nor confirm" reports of a "high-level delegation" visiting Iran from Pakistan. Munir's visit came after Naqvi held two rounds of talks with Araghchi as part of efforts to end the conflict.

Naqvi landed in Tehran on Wednesday on an unannounced visit, his second in less than a week, aimed at narrowing differences between Tehran and Washington. He has already met President Masoud Pezeshkian, Iran's interior minister and other senior officials.

Iran's semi-official Tasnim News agency reported that Araghchi met Naqvi on Thursday and Friday to review proposals for resolving disputes.

Meanwhile, Qatar also sent a team of officials to Iran on Friday to help broker an agreement between Washington and Tehran. The diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the move was coordinated with the US.

Qatar has previously played a key back-channel role with Iran, including helping broker a ceasefire last year between Israel and Iran. The diplomatic activity comes amid mounting pressure from Trump, who said this week that he had postponed a "very major attack" on Iran after Gulf leaders requested more time to pursue a deal over Tehran's nuclear programme.

Pakistan Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir (2nd L) is welcomed by Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni upon his arrival in Tehran on Friday as part of the ongoing mediation efforts between Iran and the US. AFP

Iran's intensified closure of Hormuz piles misery on sailors

DAMMAM (SAUDI ARABIA), REUTERS: Iran's publication of a new map asserting its control over the Strait of Hormuz risks prolonging an already punishing ordeal for thousands of mariners trapped on ships in the Gulf.

More than 20,000 sailors are stranded on around 2,000 vessels in the Gulf, many unable to leave their ships, lacking adequate supplies of food and fresh water, and fearful of an uncertain future at sea in a war zone.

Sailors interviewed by Reuters in recent weeks described the hardships and anxieties of their experience, while a federation representing them warned of worsening conditions. "The only thing we do here is plan how to spend the night and pray to God that we do not get hit during an attack," Indian sailor Salman Siddiqui said by phone from his stranded ship last month. When Reuters travelled on a resupply boat to vessels moored off the Saudi coast this week, sailors on a tanker gathered by the handrail to wave — a rare moment of contact with the outside world.

For nearly three months, sailors trapped in the Gulf have led isolated lives with only a small group of shipmates, moving between cramped living quarters, communal dining areas and scorching decks.

Tehran closed the strait, a key global oil supply route, after US-Israeli attacks on Iran began on February 28. Thousands of ships were trapped in the Gulf and, with peace negotiations stalled, Iran has intensified the effective blockade.

WHO upgrades Ebola risk assessment

GENEVA, AP/PTI: The head of the World Health Organization says the Ebola outbreak in Congo is "spreading rapidly" and now poses a "very high" risk at the national level.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom said on Thursday that the UN health agency was revising its assessment of the risk within Congo upward to "very high", from the previous level of high. The risk remains high for regional spread and low at the global level, he told reporters. The WHO chief noted that 82 cases have been confirmed in Congo, including seven confirmed deaths, "but we know the epidemic in DRC is much larger".

He said there are now nearly 750 suspected cases and 177 suspected deaths. The situation in neighbouring Uganda is "stable", with two confirmed cases in people who had travelled from Congo, including one death.

2 Indians die while descending from Everest

KATHMANDU, PTI: Two Indian mountaineers who summited Mt Everest died while descending from the peak, an official said on Friday.

The climbers, identified as Arun Kumar Tiwari and Sandeep Are, were exhausted during their descent and could not be saved despite efforts of their guides, said Rishi Bhandari, secretary-general of the Expedition Operators Association of Nepal. It appears that Are reached the summit on Wednesday, while Tiwari summited on Thursday at around 5.30 pm, Bhandari said.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Actress Aishwarya Rai poses on the red carpet during arrivals for the screening of the film "Histoires de la nuit" (The Birthday Party) at the 79th Cannes Film Festival in France on Friday. REUTERS

Slow Food movement founder Carlo Petrini dies at 76

▸ Carlo Petrini, the founder of the global grassroots movement Slow Food, which promoted sustainable food production and local, traditional cuisine, died on Friday at the age of 76 in his hometown in Italy's northwestern Piedmont region, AP/PTI reports from Milan.

Carlo Petrini.

Slow Food described him as "a visionary leader and a public intellectual with a profound commitment to the common good, human relationships and the natural world". Initially called Arcigola, the movement grew out of opposition to the arrival of fast food in Italy. In 1986, supporters staged a protest on the steps near the newly opened McDonald's at Rome's Spanish Steps to announce their mission. Petrini was elected president on December 9, 1989, in Paris, when more than 20 delegations from around the world signed the Slow Food Manifesto. He held the position until 2022. The movement was shaped around the philosophy that food should be "good, clean and fair", and it quickly spread throughout Italy and to more than 160 countries.

US clears arms sale for Ukraine

▸ The Trump administration has approved a modest USD 108 million arms sale to Ukraine that will help the country maintain and sustain its mid-range air defence missile system, AP/PTI reports from Washington.

The US State Department announced the sale of surface-to-air Hawk missile components, spare parts and logistical support late on Thursday. The administration has notably reduced military support for Ukraine over the past 18 months as it seeks to mediate an agreement with Russia to end the conflict. The sale "will improve Ukraine's capability to meet current and future threats," the department said.

Trump announces more US troops for Poland

Move sparks confusion over Washington's military plans

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI

President Donald Trump on Thursday said the US would send an additional 5,000 troops to Poland, creating confusion after weeks of shifting statements from Trump and his administration about reducing — not increasing — the American military footprint in Europe.

The Trump administration has said it was reducing troop levels in Europe by about 5,000, and US officials confirmed that around 4,000 service members would no longer deploy to Poland. Trump's social media announcement has added to uncertainty among European allies, who have been blindsided by the changes as the administration complains that NATO members are not carrying enough of the burden for their own defence and are failing to do more to support the Iran war.

"Based on the successful Election of the now President of Poland, Karol Nawrocki, who I was proud to Endorse, and our relationship with him, I am pleased to announce that the United States will be sending an additional 5,000 Troops to Poland," Trump said.

Trump and the Pentagon have said in recent weeks that they were drawing down at least 5,000 troops in Germany after Chancellor Friedrich Merz said the US was being "humiliated" Iran.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio after the Nato Foreign Ministers' meeting in Helsingborg, Sweden, on Friday. AFP

Rubio tells Nato allies to face up to troop cuts in Europe

Secretary of State Marco Rubio told Washington's Nato allies Friday to face up to US troop cuts in Europe, as the alliance sought to patch over tensions with President Donald Trump ahead of a July summit, AFP reports from Helsingborg. After the meeting Rubio insisted it was "well understood in the alliance that the United States troop presence in Europe is going to be adjusted". "That work was already ongoing, and it's been done in coordination with our allies," he told journalists.

H-1B visa registrations down in FY27

WASHINGTON, PTI: Registrations for H-1B visas dropped by 38.5 per cent in fiscal year 2027, with the US saying it had approved more applicants with advanced degrees and higher salaries who were "making a real impact on the economy".

The decision by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is likely to affect Indians the most, as they accounted for an estimated 71 per cent of all approved H-1B applications in recent years.

In a post on X on Thursday, the USCIS said only 17.7 per cent of all selected registrations were in the lowest wage category.

"The number of properly submitted registrations plummeted by 38.5 per cent, from 343,981 in fiscal year 2026 to just 211,600 in fiscal year 2027," the USCIS said.

Nearly three-fourths of the approved applications were from people holding master's degrees or higher, it added.

"We're approving more applicants with advanced degrees and higher salaries — especially those who studied at US universities. An overwhelming 71.5 per cent of selected aliens hold a US master's degree or higher, compared to 57 per cent last year," the USCIS said.

US green card applications only from home country now

WASHINGTON, PTI

Migrants to the US seeking permanent residency or a green card will have to return to their home country to file their applications, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service said on Friday.

"From now on, an alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply, except in extraordinary circumstances," USCIS spokesman Zach Kahler said in a statement here. He said the US was returning to the original intent of the law to ensure aliens navigate its immigration system properly.

"This policy allows our immigration system to function as the law intended instead of incentivising loopholes. When aliens apply from their home country, it reduces the need to find and remove those who decide to slip into the shadows and remain in the US illegally after being denied residency," Kahler said. The USCIS announced a new policy memo reiterating the fact that, consistent with long-standing immigration law and immigration court decisions, aliens seeking adjustment of status must do so through consular processing via the Department of State outside of the country.

The policy memo directed officers to consider all relevant factors and information on a case-by-case basis when determining whether an alien warrants this extraordinary form of relief. "Nonimmigrants, like students, temporary workers, or people on tourist visas, come to the US for a short time and for a specific purpose. Our system is designed for them to leave when their visit is over," the USCIS said. "Their visit should not function as the first step in the green card process."

Following the law allows the majority of these cases to be handled by the State Department at the US consular offices abroad and frees up limited USCIS resources to focus on processing other cases that fall under its purview, including visas for victims of violent crime and human trafficking, naturalisation applications, and other priorities. "The law was written this way for a reason, and despite the fact that it has been ignored for years," the USCIS said.

A man receives 100 lashes from a member of the Sharia police during a public caning in Indonesia's Banda Aceh on Thursday. The man was convicted of violating a law prohibiting sex outside marriage. AFP

Gunmen kill 25 in Honduras

▸ Gunmen opened fire in two separate attacks on Thursday on the Honduran coast, killing at least 25 people, including six police officers, AP/PTI reports from Tegucigalpa (Honduras).

The first incident took place at a plantation in the municipality of Trujillo in northern Honduras, where at least 19 workers were shot dead, according to Public Prosecutor's Office spokesperson Yuri Mora. The resource-rich region has long been the site of an agrarian conflict. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has previously issued precautionary measures for some activists in the region who have faced threats, surveillance and intimidation for their work defending the environment and land rights.

B'desh seeks Hasina's return

▸ Bangladesh's Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has said the government wants former prime minister Sheikh Hasina to return through "legal procedures", reacting to her recent remarks that she hoped to return home "very soon" despite facing a death sentence, PTI reports from Dhaka/New Delhi.

"We want to get her back through legal procedures," Ahmed, a senior minister in Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's cabinet, told reporters on Thursday, adding that he was not aware of any legal obstacle to Hasina's return if she wished to do so. Hasina has been living in India since August 2024 after her Awami League government was toppled following a student-led uprising.

Pak issues flood alert after India opens Salal Dam spillways

LAHORE, PTI: Pakistan's emergency services were placed on high alert on Friday after the Punjab provincial administration warned of a possible flood in the Chenab river, claiming that India had opened the spillway gates of the Salal Dam.

Punjab Emergency Services Department Secretary Rizwan Naseer said in a statement that rescue services were on high alert because of a possible increase in water inflow from the Indian side between May 21 and 30.

Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) spokesperson Farooq Ahmad said the authority had shared a letter from Indian officials with all relevant departments in Punjab province and directed them to take necessary measures.

PDMA spokesperson Mazhar Hussain told PTI that the authority had received directions in this regard from the Agriculture Department, which claimed to have received the communication from Indian authorities.

Deputy Commissioner of Sialkot district Saba Asghar Ali said: "The water level in the Chenab may rise by two to three metres due to the opening of the spillway gates of the dam by India."

New US Fed chief vows to be 'reform-oriented'

WASHINGTON, AFP

Incoming US central bank chief Kevin Warsh said on Friday that he would lead a "reform-oriented" Federal Reserve as he took the oath of office at the White House.

"To fulfil this mission, I will lead a reform-oriented Federal Reserve, learning from past successes and mistakes, both escaping static frameworks and models, and upholding clear standards of integrity and performance," Warsh said minutes after being sworn in. He called on central bankers to pursue their goals "with wisdom and clarity, independence and resolve".

US President Donald Trump, who nominated Warsh for the role, said he wanted the new Federal Reserve chair to be "totally independent", despite repeatedly pressuring the central bank in recent years to cut interest rates and frequently criticising former Fed chief Jerome Powell. "Honestly, I really mean this. This is not said in any other way. I want Kevin to be totally independent," Trump said during the swearing-in ceremony at the White House. "I want him to be independent and just do a great job. "Don't look at me. Don't look at anybody. Just do your own thing and do a great job," he added.

US President Donald Trump shakes hands with new Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh at the White House in Washington DC on Friday. REUTERS

Trump, however, also made clear his expectations for the Federal Reserve, saying the institution had "lost its way in recent years".

"Kevin understands that when the economy is booming, that's a good thing. We want to stop inflation, but we don't want to stop greatness," Trump said.

"We have to go crazy, just let it boom. We want it to boom."

A woman dressed as the Pope outside of the Ed Sullivan Theater before the taping of the final episode of the "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert, in New York City on Thursday. REUTERS

Biz Bytes

Lenovo India revenue for FY26 up 23%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Computer-maker Lenovo India has reported a 23% growth in revenue for FY2025-26, driven by demand in the enterprise segment, a top company executive said on Friday.

While the company did not disclose actual numbers, Lenovo India's annual revenue is estimated at around $4.18 billion, compared to $3.4 billion in FY25.

In constant currency terms, the growth in FY26 is of around 30%, or about Rs 37,411 crore, calculated based on average exchange rate, against around Rs 28,560 crore in the preceding financial year.

AIIB unveils $10-billion fund facility

BEIJING, PTI: The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), in which India is the second-largest shareholder after China, has launched a $10-billion fund facility to provide support to member countries affected by the conflict in West Asia.

The bank announced on Thursday that the Energy, Food Security and Economic Resilience Facility is open to its member countries, whose development may have been affected by the conflict that has triggered energy shortages across the world.

Ola Electric eyes FY27 turnaround

NEW DELHI, PTI: Ola Electric Mobility is looking to enter FY27 with renewed momentum, with Founder and CMD Bhavish Aggarwal (in pic) signalling a recovery in volumes, stronger margin visibility and tighter cost discipline following recent operational reset.

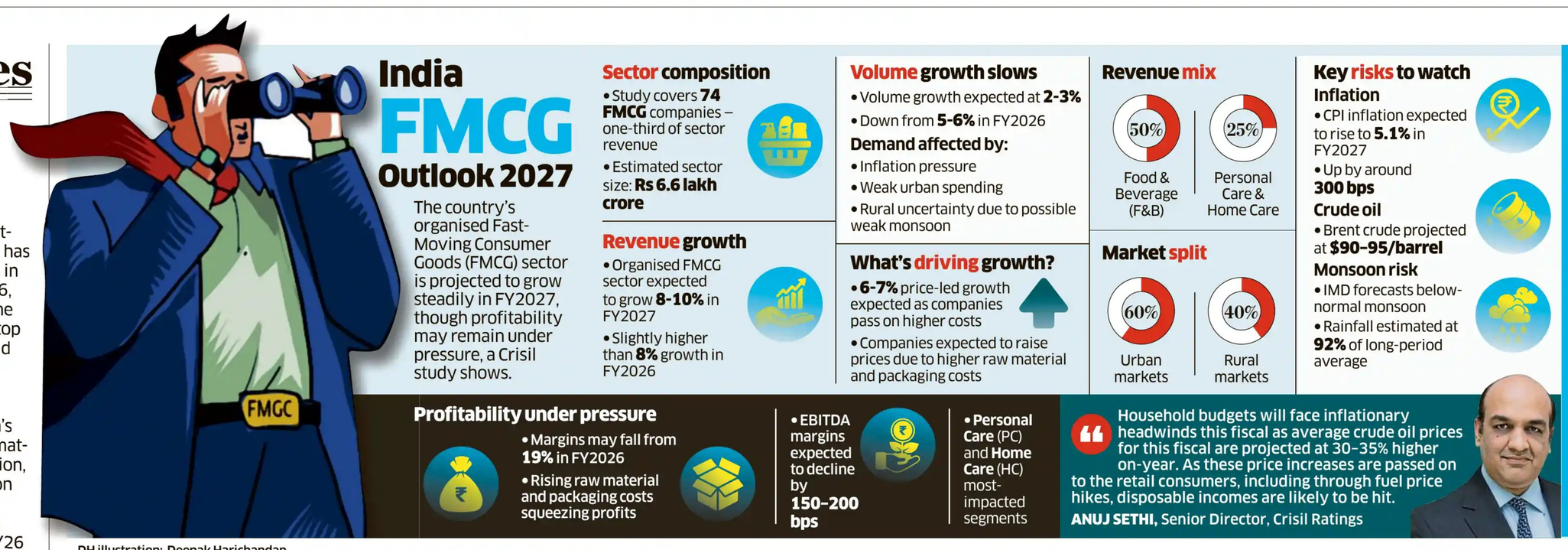
The company expects this recovery to show up meaningfully in Q1 FY27, guiding for 40,000-45,000 orders and consolidated revenue of Rs 500-550 crore, nearly double the Q4 level.

Sun Pharma Q4 net profit increases 26.2%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd on Friday reported a 26.2% increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,714.03 crore in the fourth quarter ended March 31, on the back of strong formulation sales growth in India.

The company has posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,149.88 crore in corresponding period of previous fiscal, it said in a filing.

Total revenue from operations in Q4 stood at Rs 14,611.79 crore, as against Rs 12,958.84 crore a year ago, it added.


India
FMCG
Outlook 2027
The country's organised Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector is projected to grow steadily in FY2027, though profitability may remain under pressure, a Crisil study shows.
Sector composition
• Study covers 74 FMCG companies – one-third of sector revenue
• Estimated sector size: Rs 6.6 lakh crore
Revenue growth
• Organised FMCG sector expected to grow 8-10% in FY2027
• Slightly higher than 8% growth in FY2026
Volume growth slows
• Volume growth expected at 2-3%
• Down from 5-6% in FY2026
Demand affected by:
• Inflation pressure
• Weak urban spending
• Rural uncertainty due to possible weak monsoon
What's driving growth?
• 6-7% price-led growth expected as companies pass on higher costs
• Companies expected to raise prices due to higher raw material and packaging costs
Revenue mix
50% Food & Beverage (F&B)
25% Personal Care & Home Care
Market split
60% Urban markets
40% Rural markets
Key risks to watch
Inflation
• CPI inflation expected to rise to 5.1% in FY2027
• Up by around 300 bps
Crude oil
• Brent crude projected at $90-95/barrel
Monsoon risk
• IMD forecasts below-normal monsoon
• Rainfall estimated at 92% of long-period average
Positive support factors
GST rationalisation
• 50-60% of FMCG products now under 5% GST slab
• Earlier only 8-10% products were in this slab
Government support
Rural and welfare schemes to support demand:
PM-Kisan
Viksit Bharat – Rozgar & Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
and state cash transfer schemes
Profitability under pressure
• Margins may fall from 19% in FY2026
• Rising raw material and packaging costs squeezing profits
• EBITDA margins expected to decline by 150-200 bps
• Personal Care (PC) and Home Care (HC) most-impacted segments
Household budgets will face inflationary headwinds this fiscal as average crude oil prices for this fiscal are projected at 30-35% higher on-year. As these price increases are passed on to the retail consumers, including through fuel price hikes, disposable incomes are likely to be hit.
ANUJ SETHI, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings

DH illustration: Deepak Harichandan

Source: Crisil Ratings

RBI to pay record Rs 2.87L cr as dividend to Centre

Higher payout to provide govt cushion against challenges

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced that it will transfer a record Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Centre as dividend for financial year 2025-26.

The RBI's Central Board of Directors chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra approved the dividend payment at its meeting in Mumbai.

"The Central Board approved the transfer of surplus of Rs 2,86,588.46 crore to the Central Government for the accounting year 2025-26," the RBI said in a statement.

This year's dividend payment by the RBI is 6.7% higher than the previous year's Rs 2.69 lakh crore. Last's payout was 27% higher over the previous year.

The record dividend transfer from the RBI would provide the Centre with a fiscal cushion to address challenges arising from the West Asia crisis.

Surplus transfer by RBI is 90.8% of budgeted non-tax revenue under 'dividend/surplus of Reserve Bank of India, nationalised banks & financial institutions' head for the 2026-27 Union Budget.

"Higher transfer will reduce some pressure on the fiscal deficit due to the geopolitical situation," said Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist, India Ratings & Research.

In the Union Budget presented in February, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pegged the dividends and surpluses from the RBI, nationalised banks, and financial institutions in 2026-27 at Rs 3.16 lakh crore.

To meet the budget targets, the Centre would be required to get around Rs 30,000 crore from state-run banks and financial institutions as dividend. Some analysts were expecting the RBI's payout to be even higher.

"The RBI surplus transfer is marginally lower than expected, thereby limiting the levers for the government in terms of managing the fiscal slippage risks," said Upasna Bhardwaj, Chief Economist, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

"While we do not see extra borrowing risks for now, we continue to monitor the extent of subsidy and tax growth slowdown," she added.

The RBI's balance sheet rose to Rs 91.97 lakh crore as of March 31, 2026, an increase of 20.61% over the previous year.

Gross income of RBI increased by 26.42% in FY26 over the previous year to Rs 4.27 lakh crore, while the expenditure before risk provisions increased by 27.6% to Rs 0.32 lakh crore.

Thus, net income, before risk provision and transfer to statutory funds, aggregated Rs 3.95 lakh crore in FY26, as against Rs 3.13 lakh crore in FY25.

The transferable surplus for any financial year is arrived at on the basis of the revised Economic Capital Framework (ECF) as approved by the Central Board of the RBI.

Pant said the transfer by the central bank to the government would have been around Rs 64,518 crore higher had RBI limited the contingency risk buffer (CRB) to the last year level.

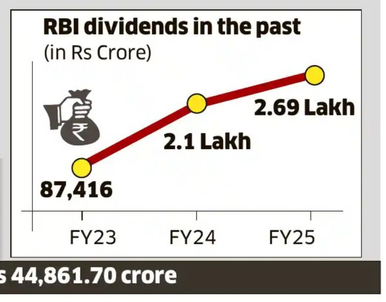
The RBI has decided to transfer Rs 1.09 lakh crore towards the CRB for FY26, against the previous year's Rs 44,861.70 crore.

RBI's central board at its 623rd meeting decided to transfer

Rs 2.87 lakh crore
dividend to government, its highest so far

It also decided to transfer
Rs 1,09,379.64 crore
towards the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) for FY26

Payment towards CRB in FY25 **Rs 44,861.70 crore**



Fiscal conditions, crude prices challenges for external sector outlook: RBI Bulletin

MUMBAI, PTI: The financial conditions, crude prices, and capital flows continue to pose challenges to the external sector outlook amid the West Asia conflict, the Reserve Bank Bulletin said on Friday.

The global economy continued to be shadowed by uncertainties in West Asia, said an article on the state of the economy published in the May Bulletin.

Domestic economic activity exhibited resilience in April, with industrial and services sectors maintaining strength across several segments, it said.

In agriculture, summer sowing progressed well, supported by above normal pre-monsoon rainfall and comfortable reservoir levels, the article said, adding that CPI inflation rose to 3.5% in April, driven mainly by food inflation, while core inflation remained steady. It noted that the conflict in West Asia continued to exert pressure on commodity markets, global trade flows and supply chains, contributing to the volatility in financial markets.

RBI net sold $9.758 bn in spot market in March

MUMBAI, PTI: The RBI sold $9.758 billion on a net basis in the spot currency market in March, according to the central bank's monthly bulletin released on Friday.

The central bank had purchased dollars for two consecutive months before that. In February, the RBI purchased $7.409 billion from the spot currency market.

On a gross basis, the central bank purchased $19.880 billion in March, and sold $29.638 billion, as per bulletin.

Rupee rises 76 paise to close at 95.60 against $

Crude prices, talks on Iran situation calm markets

MUMBAI, PTI

The rupee rose for the second consecutive session on Friday to close sharply higher at 95.60 against the US dollar on softening of crude oil prices and supposed intervention by the Reserve Bank.

Forex traders said markets found some comfort after comments from US Secretary of State Marco Rubio hinted that diplomatic talks linked to the Iran situation were moving in a constructive direction.

Moreover, positive domestic equities and a decline in US treasury yields also supported the rupee. At the interbank forex, the rupee opened at 96.30 against the US dollar and stayed firm during the intraday. At the end of the trading session, the rupee was quoted at 95.60, higher by 76 paise from its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee rebounded 50 paise from its all-time closing low to settle at 96.36 against the US dollar.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on uncertainty between the US and Iran, which may pressurise the rupee. However, optimism over the peace deal and softening of crude oil prices may support the rupee at lower levels. US Treasury yields are also easing, which may also support the domestic currency. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 95.50 to 96.30," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Sahil Kapoor, Head of Products and Market Strategist, SVP, DSP Mutual Fund, in a research note, said it is time to buy rupee assets and not bet against them.

"Currencies, interest rates, and flows are inherently cyclical. Betting against the rupee at these depressed REER levels and tight inflation differentials is a low-probability trade. Conversely, the data suggests that it is time to allocate toward rupee-denominated assets across both equities and bonds," he said.

Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said the rupee maintained its upward momentum for the second straight day, reversing the losses sustained at the start of the week.

"This turnaround is largely attributed to the RBI's active market intervention post the announcement of its USD-INR buy-sell swap, alongside a reprieve in imported commodity prices as geopolitical risks ease. Technically, spot USD-INR faces resistance at 96.20 and support at 95.40," Parmar said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.29, down 0.04%.

LTM to buy Randstad's tech, consulting biz in Europe, Oz

BENGALURU, DHNS: LTM has issued an offer to acquire Randstad's technology and consulting services business in France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Australia. Randstad's consulting business has an annual revenue of over $500 million.

The proposed acquisition would expand LTM's presence in key markets, primarily across aerospace & defence, automotive, utilities, and BFS. It would enable local domain expertise and complementary regional capabilities in domain-driven digital engineering, cybersecurity and IoT, supported by onshore and nearshore delivery through centres in Romania and Portugal, according to a joint statement by both companies.

"This acquisition would strengthen our ability to deliver compliant, domain-driven AI services and sovereign solutions in markets that are strategically important to us. This 360° partnership with Randstad would be a key step forward in our growth journey," Venu Lambu, CEO & MD of LTM, said.

This acquisition is proposed to be completed through LTM's wholly-owned subsidiary — LTIMindtree UK Limited subject to customary regulatory approvals, and other closing conditions.

The deal would augment LTM's global AI-centric capabilities with local domain and near-shore expertise crucial for delivering digital and AI transformation for customers in a sovereign-compliant and scalable model. It would reinforce LTM's global delivery foundation through expanded regional presence, the company said.

Flipkart's 13-min delivery really impressive, says Walmart CEO

NEW DELHI, PTI

E-commerce major Flipkart's 13-minute delivery services is "really impressive", said Walmart Inc President and CEO John Furner, lauding the rapid pace of innovation and delivery execution by its Indian unit, in which it owns a controlling stake.

Walmart acquired a 77% controlling stake in Flipkart in 2018, in a $16-billion deal. Its shareholding now stands at over 80%.

"... the speed at which people are delivering, they are innovating, they are delivering product is impressive. Having deliveries in International, and Flipkart in particular, at 13 minutes is really impressive," said Furner in the Q1 FY2027 earnings call.

Walmart's fiscal year runs from February 1 to January 31.

Total revenue of Walmart in the first quarter grew 7.3% to $177.8 billion.

"In India, Flipkart now operates more than 800 micro fulfilment centres used for fast delivery, something we call Flipkart Minutes, and they are delivering items in less than 13 minutes on average," Furner said.

He visited India earlier this month where he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and had said Walmart will continue its investment in Flipkart and PhonePe.

"The team delivered strong sales growth for the quarter... our supply chain is one of the best parts of my job, whether that is in the US or places like China and India, where I got to spend time recently," he said.

Running an omnichannel business through great stores and clubs requires the best technology and people that embrace innovation, he said.

While delivery from Sam's Club in the US grew over 90%, Walmart's China business delivered more than half a billion units in the first quarter, with nearly 75% reaching customers in under one hour.

Walmart Executive Vice-President and CFO John David Rainey said e-commerce growth in China exceeded 30%, supported by the company's cloud network enabling deliveries within minutes.

Flipkart, India Post partner

Flipkart has signed an agreement with the Department of Posts (DoP) for efficient last-mile parcel delivery, a statement said on Friday.

The partnership aims to leverage the delivery network of the DoP, along with Flipkart's strong presence in India's e-commerce sector, to provide efficient, reliable and customer-centric parcel delivery solutions across the country, the company said.

Forex kitty drops $8 bn to $688.894 bn

MUMBAI, PTI: India's forex reserves dropped $8.094 billion to $688.894 billion during the week ended May 15, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Friday.

The overall reserves had jumped by $6.295 billion to $696.988 billion during the week ended May 8.

The kitty had expanded to an all-time high of $728.494 billion during the week ended February 27 this year before the onset of the West Asia conflict, which led to several weeks of a drop as the rupee came under pressure and the RBI had to intervene in the forex market through dollar sales.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also made multiple public appeals starting May 11 to countrymen to conserve forex by cutting down on foreign travel, limiting fuel use and refraining from gold buys for a year.

For the week ended May 15, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by $6.483 billion to $545.904 billion, the central bank's data showed.

Value of gold reserves also declined $1.536 billion to $119.317 billion during the week, the RBI said.

LOSING SHEEN

Import duty hike to decrease India's gold demand by 50-60 tonnes, says WGC

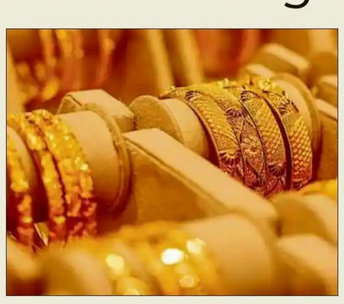
MUMBAI, PTI

India's gold demand is expected to contract by 50-60 tonnes this calendar year, around 10% lower than the previous year, following the import duty hike, according to the World Gold Council (WGC).

"Looking at 2026 as a whole, we estimate that combined jewellery and bar and coin demand could decline by around 50-60 tonnes, around 10% lower than the previous year, due to the impact of the import duty hike," WGC said in its India gold market update.

The gold import duty was raised sharply from 6% to 15%, making it the single-largest increase on record and fully reversing the duty cut of July 2024. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also appealed to consumers to avoid buying gold for a year.

Other factors, such as the gold price, changes to income levels, inflation, or effects from the monsoon, would further influence annual demand, it added.



"Our econometric models suggest that changes in import duties tend to impact gold demand in both the short and long term, although the impact differs across jewellery and investment products such as bars and coins. Investment demand appears more sensitive to duty changes, while jewellery demand has shown greater resilience," said WGC.

WGC said jewellery consumption is influenced more by prices and inflation, and import duties have less of an impact.

This is likely because jewellery purchases are often required, particularly for weddings and social occasions, said WGC.

Investment demand, on the other hand, is linked to income levels and import duties, with higher duties and restrictions tending to weigh on demand, it said, adding that in the short term, factors such as inflation and rainfall also influence investment demand alongside taxes.

Further, WGC said import data points to a consistent relationship between higher import duties and the inflow of unofficial gold.

Between 2013 and 2026, increases in import duty were mostly followed by higher levels of unofficial or smuggled gold, while duty reductions coincided with sharp declines in such inflows.

Following the 4% duty hike in 2013, unofficial imports increased sharply from around 10 tonnes in the first quarter of that year to 70 tonnes by the same period of 2014, a seven-fold increase in under a year.

The grey RANGOLI

Vaishnavi Sridhar narrates a touching story about colour blindness and self-acceptance

Children, the Annual Rangoli Contest is next week," said Ms Subha to her students. "Put on your thinking caps and come up with creative ideas. The best rangoli wins a prize," she added.

"The rules are simple. Make groups of four. No less, no more. You can use anything to make the rangoli. And the most important rule: your rangoli should convey a message," she added.

"Oh, how I dread this contest. Hope no one asks me to join their group. How should I get out of this problem?" thought Ranga, a student in Ms Subha's class.

Ranga's school organised the rangoli contest every year. Every year, the theme of the contest was different. The school corridors would be abuzz with chirping students, hard at work to create the best rangoli design. And the floor of the school corridors would turn into a colourful carpet.

The children looked forward to this contest. They enjoyed admiring the beautiful designs created by fellow students. But Ranga did not enjoy the contest very much. It made him very anxious. He was a great sketch artist and loved black, white, and grey. But colours, not so much.

"Ranga, we are in high school now. You have avoided this contest for so long. You must participate this year. With you on our team, we are sure to win," said Ranga's classmate Hast.

"Exactly. We don't understand why you refuse every year. Wonder what you fear?" asked Chitra and Kala, Ranga's friends.

"Sketching is my thing and not rangoli. Please find someone else to join your team," said Ranga. But Ranga's pleas seemed to have no effect on his classmates.

And that was it. A permanent solution had to be found. Ranga decided to talk to Ms Subha. "Subha ma'am, I don't want to participate in this contest. But everyone is forcing me. Please help," said Ranga.

"Dear, why don't you give it a shot? Add your spin to the contest. Use your creativity," said Ms Subha.

"But then everyone will know. I do not want my secret to blow. They will know that my world is grey. All my friends think that I like sketching, but they don't know why," said Ranga, concerned.

"Ranga, do you know that rangoli is not just about colours? There are so many kinds of rangolis," said Ms Subha.

"Yes ma'am. My Amma makes the rangoli with rice flour paste," said Ranga.

Ranga had a rare condition called Achromatopsia (an inherited form of colour blindness). This made his world white, black, and grey. It made him sensitive to light. It affected his eyesight too. He had hidden it from his friends. Who would believe it if he shared that he could not see any colours?

"Your friends will be supportive. Why don't you use your rangoli to spread awareness about colour blindness?" Ms Subha added. Ms Subha's encouraging words motivated Ranga. He decided to participate in the rangoli contest.

"Friends, I am ready to participate. I have also thought about the design," said Ranga.

"All of you, please bring different coloured powders. And try to arrange white, black, and grey powder too," instructed Ranga.

"Black and grey? In rangoli? Is our rangoli about climate change and pollution? That is super cool. We are sure to win the contest," said Chitra excitedly.

Ranga smiled. "You will know soon. Just wait until next week," he added.

The day of the contest had arrived.

Everyone was happy to see Ranga participate finally.

"Students, your time starts now," said Mr. Jagan, the art teacher.

"Ranga, what are we making? Tell us now at least," asked Ranga's friends.

"We will make a rangoli which shows how one sees the world. It will be a simple garden scene divided into two halves. One half will be colourful, just like you all see the world. And the other half will have only white, black, and grey," said Ranga.

"That is an interesting idea, Ranga. How did you think of it?" asked his teammates in unison.

"Friends, I see the world in white, black, and grey. I cannot see colours like you do. This is called colour blindness. There are many kinds of colour blindness," explained Ranga.

"Oh, so that is why you are comfortable with sketching? Thank you for sharing," said Hast.

"Yes. I feel comfortable with sketching. It does not use too many colours. I have requested our science teacher to explain more about colour blindness. But enough chit-chat. Let us get started with our rangoli. We will call our rangoli the Grey Rangoli," said Ranga.

Ranga and his team's rangoli stood out amongst other designs. And his grey rangoli was judged the best. Ranga was very happy. He had finally spread awareness about why his world was grey. He had also gotten over his fear of the rangoli contest.

"So Ranga, will you continue to participate in the rangoli contest?" asked Ms Subha.

"Yes ma'am. It is a fun way to come together and spread awareness. I think I will participate every year from now on. Thank you for the encouragement," said Ranga contentedly.

RANGOLI CREATED USING COBLIS-COLOR BLINDNESS SIMULATOR.

2 DIY turtle crafts

Today is World Turtle Day

Egg carton turtle

Materials used
- Empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic or poster paints
- Paintbrush
- Googly eyes
- Black marker
- Glue
- Pink/red sketch pen

Method
1) Cut out one section of an egg carton to make the turtle's body.
2) Trim the edges neatly to shape the head, legs, and tail (as in the image).
3) Paint the turtle in bright colours and let it dry completely.
4) Paint a small dome shape or raised section as the shell of the turtle.
5) Use a black marker to draw patterns on the shell portion.
6) Use glue to stick googly eyes on the head.
7) Draw a smiling mouth with a sketch pen.
8) Let it dry before displaying it.

Bottle coin bank

Materials used
- Green plastic bottle
- Yellow or light green foam sheet/felt/chart paper
- Scissors
- Marker pens
- Glue
- String or wool
- Bottle cap
- Small stones or coins (optional, for weight)

Method
1) Cut the bottom portion of a green plastic bottle to form the turtle shell.
2) Draw and cut out a turtle body shape from a foam sheet or thick chart paper. Make sure you include the head, legs, and tail.
3) Use marker pens to draw the turtle's eyes, smile, and shell details on the legs.
4) Place the plastic bottle piece upside down over the turtle body to create the shell.
5) Make small holes and wrap coloured string around the shell for decoration.
6) Stick a bottle cap at the top centre as an added design element.
7) Glue the shell part securely onto the turtle body.
8) To use it as a coin bank, cut a small slot at the top of the shell part before attaching it.

LET'S DEBATE!

Want to take part in the upcoming *Open Sesame* debate? Share your thoughts in a crisp 200-word essay on the topic 'Is time travel a good idea?' Mail your works to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Entries close on June 11. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, school, and city. And send us a recent photograph.

Word of the Week

taper

(verb)
— diminish or reduce in thickness towards one end

Usage:
— Her interest in the project started to taper after the holidays ended.
— The tailor decided to taper the trousers slightly at the ankles for a better fit.

To my favourite school companion

Open Sesame readers write letters to their favourite school bag

Dear school bag,

How are you? I am fine and enjoying my summer vacation. I hope you have taken enough rest during my vacation.

When I wanted to purchase a new bag for my new academic year, I was immediately drawn to you because of your beautiful colour. You looked strong and sturdy. I was sure you would be able to carry the heavy load of my books every day without complaining. Everyone says bags are heavy, but it is not you who are heavy. The things we dump into you make you heavy. We hardly take care of you. Most of the time, we keep you on the floor, dump waste materials into you, and barely take care of you. We forget that we can never go to school without you.

I wish you would be a part of my school journey this academic year too. I am looking forward to meeting you soon, since our school will reopen shortly.

Thank you for your untiring service,
ANISH V M, 12
Mysuru, Karnataka

Dear school bag,

I still remember the first day of school when I stood happily with you to begin my school life. Since then, you have carried all my essentials every day without complaining about the weight.

I cannot forget the fun memories we shared, like decorating you with keychains, stuffing your pockets with chocolate wrappers, finding random pens when I needed them, and clutching you tightly during rainy days so you would not get wet. You were with me not only at school, but also during special events like annual day and sports day. I also want to apologise for treating you roughly by throwing you carelessly on the ground and stuffing too many books inside you. I promise to take better care of you by keeping you clean and carrying fewer books whenever possible.

Lastly, I will always be grateful for having a school bag and the opportunity to study, because many children are not as fortunate. Thank you for always supporting me.

Yours lovingly,
V SHARVARI KARANTH, 12
Mangaluru, Karnataka

Dear school bag,

You are my favourite. You keep my books, notebooks, pencil box and everything else needed for school in place. You have two straps, which lets me carry you on my back easily. I take care of you and keep you clean. I love you a lot.

Thank you,
TANUSHRI ARAGINASHETTI, 13
Badami, Karnataka

Hello,

I am Ayaan, a class 5 student. A brief introduction to my bag: I have known my bag for one year now. I call my bag Zane. Zane is a character from Lego Ninjago. Zane is blue, his favourite colour is white, and he loves carrying my books around. Well, it depends on the weight. If it is light, he does not like it as much, but when it is heavy, he really enjoys it.

Here is what I would tell him: I would ask him if he could eat all my food so that after lunch, I could go play football in school. I would also ask him to do all my homework so that once I get home, I would be completely free. I would want him to be a reminder too. If I forgot something, he could check inside and tell me what was missing. Lastly, I would want him to be a calculator or like AI, so during tests I could just ask him, and he would give me the answers.

However, like in all stories, there is always good news and bad news. The bad news is that he told me it was too much to ask for, and the good news is that he said he could take only one request per day. Zane and I were happy with this arrangement, and that's how the year went by.

– **AYAAN AHMED, 10**
Bengaluru, Karnataka

This Week:

Only otters

Open Sesame Quiz

Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.

Q1 World Otter Day is celebrated annually on the last Wednesday of May. Which of the five continents where otters are found is marked by the most drastic decline in otter populations?

Q2 Collective nouns for a group of otters include romp (otters are playful), bevy, lodge and family. What collective noun describes otters (especially sea otters) when in the water?

Q3 The 'River Wolf', with razor-sharp teeth and reaching up to six feet in length, is endemic to South America. What is the otter name of this apex predator?

Scan the QR code
Or visit bit.ly/DHopensesame to participate in the quiz.

Q4 **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
Clue A: The small-clawed otter is illegally trafficked in the exotic-pet ___.
Clue B: Mark given in a test or exam.

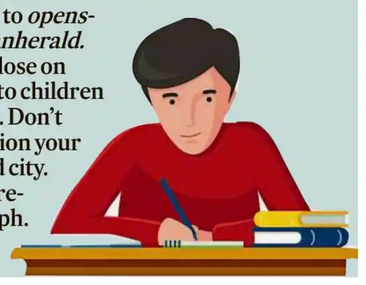
Q5 **Clue Cluster:** Which author regards the otter as her favourite animal?
Use these clues.
a) 'The Ickabog'
b) Robert Galbraith
c) Seven-volume series
d) Philanthropy

WINNER'S NAMES: Neelam (12), Mangaluru; Aarav (16), Bengaluru; Surendra Bhat (15), Karkala.
ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ: A1) 1950, A2) Joseph (Joe) Brown, A3) Red Panda, A4) Farming/Harming, A5) Hope Cooke.

POETS IN THE MAKING

Want to see your poetry in print?

Send in poems on the topic 'If I could change one thing' to *Open Sesame*. You may be featured in an upcoming edition. Mail your work — not more than 12 lines — to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Entries close on May 28. Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph.



ART CORNER

Love painting?

Want to showcase your flair for colours? Send your paintings on the theme 'Joyful June' to *Open Sesame* and stand a chance to get featured in an upcoming edition. Mail photographs of your work to *opensesame@deccanherald.co.in* Open to children below 16 years. Don't forget to mention your name, age, and city. And send us a recent photograph of yourself. Entries close on June 4.

Visiting legacy instrument-making shops in Bengaluru is a revelation of sorts. Between stories of divine origins, painstaking craftsmanship and celebrity patrons, a question lingers: will they survive another generation? **Savitha Karthik** meets the families keeping the craft alive

The last of the instrument makers

Srinivas Anantharamaiah carrying out a repair at Shantha Tabla Works, started by his family in 1964. DH PHOTOS/PUSHKAR V

Veena Musicals (Balepet), run by Satish Kumar, was once visited by Manna Dey.

Walk through Bengaluru's Balepet on any given day and you will find shops lined with harmoniums, violins, veenas, and mridangas. I have often wondered who runs these stores and what their lives look like. How often have we sat at a concert, lost in the alapanas and swara vistaras, enjoying the crisp pakka vaadya (accompaniment), without ever wondering about the hands that made the tamburi or the mridanga? And where does the craft of making musical instruments — slow, specialised, and painstaking as it is — stand in a world driven by speed and scale?

These thoughts occupied my mind on an April afternoon as I made my way through the bustling Chickpet shopping street. My destination was Shantha Tabla Works, a hole-in-the-wall shop at Balepet's Laldas Venkataramanaswamy Temple junction. I spot Srinivas Anantharamaiah sitting on the floor of the 17×5 ft space, making some last-minute repairs to a mridanga.

"We make Karnatik tablas that are used for natakas, bhajans, and harikathas, along with percussion instruments such as mridangas and dholaks," the 52-year-old tells me. Before we can talk further, a customer calls to ask if his mridanga is ready and if he should send a delivery person to pick it up.

We have many such interruptions. A passerby asks if a nagaari (a percussion instrument used in temples) is available, and Srinivas tells him he is out of stock. "Our nagaaris are supplied to many temples across the city," he says, adding that things are changing, with many now opting for fibre and plastic versions as well. Srinivas is interrupted again — this time it's a call from Akber Miya and Brothers, a tabla store in Hyderabad with a history of over 120 years. The caller is asking him to deliver a dholak to an acquaintance. I gently draw Srinivas back to the story of his shop.

For the love of tabla

Shantha Tabla Works was started in 1964 by his father R S Anantharamaiah, who not only learnt to play the mridanga and tabla but also craft them under the guidance of Cottonpet's master craftsman, popularly known as 'Tabla' Venkatappa. Anantharamaiah's interest in the tabla began in Rajaghatta, his village near Doddaballapura. Bayalu natakas and harikathas were common there, and performers regularly used the tabla. A typical harikatha involves percussion alongside the harmonium, but Anantharamaiah gravitated towards percussion.

The story of Shantha Tabla Works is incomplete without Anantharamaiah's wife, Ashwathamma. She taught herself the craft of instrument-making end to end — from cleaning goat and buffalo hides to drying them, weaving strips of hide onto the top of the mucchige (the lid of the mridanga), and applying karane, a paste of boiled rice mixed with charcoal powder. The paste must be worked in until the skin attains a resonant quality, a process that takes two to three hours. She is 85 today.

"My mother has worked on thousands of mridangas and tablas since the family moved to Bengaluru," says Srinivas, the second-generation owner and a mridangist himself. "We would also supply many instruments to Aruna Musicals (another shop in Balepet then), since they handled large orders," he adds.

As Srinivas shows me how a light resin is applied to the left head of the mridanga, he says his clientele includes the who's who of the music world, from students of late T A S Mani to Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma. "One day, someone walked into the store and started trying out different tablas, playing the most exquisite beats. I didn't recognise him until he introduced himself as (percussionist) Taufiq Qureshi, tabla maestro Zakir Hussain's brother," he recalls.

Shankar Ganesh Prasad of Aruna Musicals is known for veena restoration.

But much has now changed. He points to the temple opposite and recalls how bhajans and harikathas were once a regular feature there, with artistes like Gururajulu Naidu and B P Rajamma performing. Today, most people would rather watch television, he says, visibly disappointed. Yet he has adapted in his own way. He has designed a modular, three-piece mridanga made from jackfruit wood, with interchangeable drum sections that can be adjusted for different tonal needs. It is a practical option for touring artistes, as they can use a single instrument across performances instead of carrying multiple tuned versions.

Raju of Veena Works recently restored a Mysuru veena believed to be nearly 300 years old.

'Foreign' harmonium

Once we wind down our chat, I take a walk around Shantha Tabla Works and notice several other instrument shops nearby, many carrying the suffix 'Harmonium Works'. For example, Veena Musicals traces its origins to D K Pillappa Harmonium Works, which was started in the early 1900s. Aruna Musicals, too, started life as Calcutta Harmonium Works in 1933, named so because its raw materials were sourced from the city.

This led me down a rabbit hole on the Internet. Between the mid-19th and early 20th centuries, instrument makers in the erstwhile Bombay and Calcutta took to selling and stocking the harmonium.

Rewind to 1851, Bombay: S B Ramchunder and his brothers were supplying, importing, and repairing musical instruments, with a particular focus on the harmonium, according to *The Record News*, a 1990s quarterly journal published by the Society of Indian Record Collectors. They were widely known as "native" dealers of the instrument.

Step into Calcutta, 1887: Dwarakanath Ghose, a piano tuner, designed and marketed a small hand-operated harmonium that year. It "became very popular with local musicians due to its suitability to Indian music," according to 'The Gramophone Company's First Indian Recordings (1899-1908)', a book by Michael S Kinnear. The earliest versions of the instrument, however, faced resistance as they didn't lend themselves to microtones and subtle nuances of Indian classical music.

By the time harmonium shops appeared in Bengaluru's pete area, the city's historic commercial centre, the instrument was both catching on and being frowned upon for its "foreign" origins. The resistance was strong enough for All India Radio to ban it between 1940 and 1971.

Manna Dey visit

D K Pillappa was known to be a carpenter before he set up his instrument shop. Family lore has it that he was ordained to make musical instruments by a goddess who appeared in his dream. Over the decades, the shop was passed from Pillappa to his son, Paramashivaiah, who ran it until his death. His grandson, P Nagaraj, later branched out to start a new store, Veena Musicals, in 1973.

Nagaraj, 76, is also an expert harmonium maker and restorer. His first break came when an Australian visitor paid him an advance of Rs 20 for a new harmonium, which cost Rs 150 in those times. Today, the price of a harmonium can range from Rs 6,000 to Rs 1.25 lakh, depending on the type and purpose. He also recalls the time when renowned singer and music director Manna Dey spent hours at his shop discussing music. "He was a great friend of mine," says Nagaraj, now retired.

Nagaraj's sons, Karthik and Satish Kumar, now run Veena Musicals across Jayanagar and Balepet respectively. Satish says there is much greater demand for electronic keyboards and guitars at his branch, though a niche group still seeks traditional instruments, usually referred by music schools and teachers.

The story of Aruna Musicals, on the other hand, begins with Harmonium Arunachalappa. According to his grandson, Shankar Ganesh Prasad, Arunachalappa often accompanied the renowned violinist T Chowdaiah in many concerts. The two were close friends and would hold impromptu music sessions that stretched late into the night, sometimes until dawn. Legendary actor and singer Honnappa Bhagavathar is also said to be a student of Arunachalappa.

I meet Prasad at their Basavanagudi branch. The store is relatively quiet. He prefers one-on-one sessions, guiding customers to the right instruments based on their needs and budget, and offering insights into restoration work. Now 54, he specialises in string instruments and is particularly known for veena restoration.

Labour crunch

"There were enough workers during my grandfather and my uncle's time (violinist A Veerabhadraiah), but when I entered the scene in the mid to late 1990s, I had to cope with an acute shortage of people willing to work on instruments," Prasad says. This is a common refrain across legacy musical instrument stores I visit. Satish rues the shortage of skilled labour in Bengaluru and says they have to rely on workers from Mumbai and Kolkata. Srinivas, too, tells me that although there are makers of the tabla and mridanga, the labour shortage persists at large. Applying resin, or the charcoal-and-rice paste on a mridanga's leather surface, is painstaking work, and the younger generation is no longer interested, he observes.

Over the past 10-15 years, the shortage has worsened as the younger generation has turned its gaze elsewhere, says Raju, owner of Veena Works in Basavanagudi. Most workers from his father's time have either passed on or are too old, while their children are educated and have salaried jobs. "The youngsters can easily find jobs as e-commerce delivery workers or auto drivers that pay more," says the 55-year-old.

On the other hand, their work stretches for hours and requires immense patience. A day's work of about eight hours earns a labourer around Rs 1,200. Making a new veena involves hollowing out wood to form the pot-like resonator, fixing it to the long neck with wax, sanding, carving and chiselling it into shape, and adding decorative elements along the neck. Repair work can vary: if the base resonator is cracked, it can be glued, while a broken one may need replacement. The owners step in to attach the strings, fix the frets (thin metal strips) and ensure correct placement along with the workers, and tune the instrument.

I see two workers sitting outside Raju's shop and carving a veena into form, while he works beside a container of black wax, preparing to apply it to the wooden tracks that hold the frets. Tools are scattered around, and veenas line the walls. More veenas, a mix of Thanjavur and Mysuru varieties, hang from the roof.

Raju has over 200 instruments pending restoration, some over 70 years old. He recently restored a Mysuru veena that he claims is nearly three centuries old. Making a new veena takes about a fortnight, while restoration takes a week. A knowledge of Karnatik music is important for stringing and tuning, and Raju himself has learnt to play the veena. He inherited the shop from his father Krishnan, who began making veenas in the early 1950s. In Raju's case too, as with others, the family's foray into instrument-making began with the harmonium.

There are other challenges at play. Raju says that even in Thanjavur and Mysuru, long known for their craftsmanship, there has been a decline not only in the number of instrument makers but also in the quality of instruments. "During my father's time, eight out of 10 wooden frames we received for stringing and wax work were of good quality. Now, only three or four are usable," he says.

Jayanthi Kumaresh, a Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee known for her mastery of the Saraswati veena, calls for institutional support for families engaged in veena making. "I have known Raju for 25 years and have always gone to him for veena maintenance," she says, adding that they have 24 veenas at home, some as old as 100 years, all of which require regular maintenance and re-fretting. "Making an instrument like the veena is an art passed down through generations. No two veenas are the same. There are nuanced techniques involved, and experienced craftsmen learn them from their forefathers," she elaborates.

That inheritance extends even to the jackwood Prasad and Srinivas source from Thanjavur and Panruti in Tamil Nadu. In well-known Karnatik musician T M Krishna's book 'Sebastian & Sons', a craftsperson explains that the red soil around Panruti retains moisture well, allowing trees to grow thick and dense. That density, in turn, determines the quality of the instrument and shapes how it finally turns out.

Silver lining

Yet amid changing times and practices, there is a silver lining: a growing interest in musical instruments among younger people. This, perhaps, is because youngsters spend a lot of time online, and many parents see learning an instrument as a catch-all remedy for social media and smartphone addiction. Some parents are also keen for their children to learn the tabla or mridanga, influenced in part by the popularity of music reality shows, Srinivas observes. Prasad, himself a trained veena player, recalls how a youngster once walked into the shop asking for a Rudra Veena, an instrument used in the Dhrupad tradition. He had never played the veena before, but had become fascinated after watching a recital online. Prasad first sat him down, introduced him to the instrument, and gave him a rudimentary lesson on how it is played.

As I step out of the Basavanagudi branch of Aruna Musicals after meeting Prasad, I am struck by how although this story begins in Balepet, it is hardly confined to one neighbourhood in one city.

The instrument makers I speak to find themselves at a crossroads. They have carried forward the legacy of their forefathers, yet remain uncertain about whether their children will step into their shoes. Those are stories for another day.

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MUSICANA

Western sensibilities with a Karnatik heart

This artiste from Bengaluru crafts visual-driven neo-classical soundscapes, writes Shraddha A K

Bengaluru-based Prerna V was introduced to the violin at the age of five while growing up in the UK. Her journey began with Western classical training in the historic town of Reading, encouraged by a father who recognised her musical instincts early on. "He always wanted me to pursue music seriously," she says.

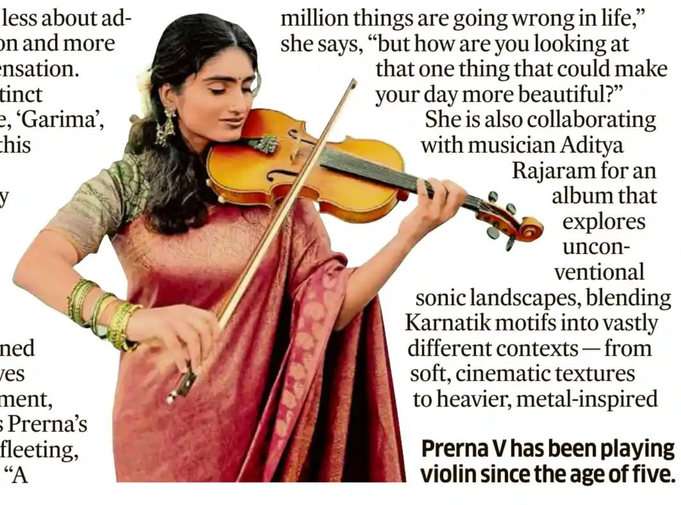
Her move to Bengaluru at 12 marked both an upheaval and rediscovery.

She transitioned from Western classical to Karnatik under the guidance of Vidwan B R Raghuram and later Vidwan Kumaresh Rajagopalan. This presented technical challenges, including relearning frameworks and rethinking musical language. "The funniest thing was the tuning; I'd play something and realise it was the same note, just shifted," she says. Yet, it also offered familiarity. "Having trained in Karnatik vocals earlier, I found myself returning to something deeply internal." That duality — of holding on to one system while embracing another — still echoes in her work.

Technically, her process is as visual as it is auditory. As a design graduate, she approaches compositions through images and movement.

The soundscape of her single, 'Revati's Reverie', is inspired by a sequence of visual moments, like a falling flower or sudden gusts of wind. "For each timestamp, I kept thinking about how I could translate images into sound?" she explains. It's less about adhering to tradition and more about evoking sensation.

That same instinct shapes her single, 'Garima', released earlier this month. It draws from an everyday moment that stayed with her. Inspired by a toddler in her apartment complex who joined her for short drives around the basement, the track reflects Prerna's fascination with fleeting, ordinary beauty. "A million things are going wrong in life," she says, "but how are you looking at that one thing that could make your day more beautiful?"



Prerna V has been playing violin since the age of five.

She is also collaborating with musician Aditya Rajaram for an album that explores unconventional sonic landscapes, blending Karnatik motifs into vastly different contexts — from soft, cinematic textures to heavier, metal-inspired sounds. "We're taking Karnatik motifs and placing them in contexts that would seem unconventional," she says.

Her earlier track, 'Chhaya', emerged from a different emotional space — one of frustration and creative stagnation. "It was just a rant," she says candidly. "I was doing so much, but it felt like nothing was happening." Together, her projects outline a broad emotional range: from introspective vulnerability to layered storytelling.

Besides being a violinist, she operates as a self-contained creative unit — composing, producing and layering her own vocals. "I never had a band working with me, so I had to be self-sufficient," she says. Over time, that necessity evolved into a defining strength.

Makeup Umi demonstrates how prosthetics and special makeup effects are created. He uses latex and fake blood to craft a realistic 3D wound that blends seamlessly into the actor's skin. DH PHOTOS/PUSHKAR V

Behind every actor, a craftsman

Rarely noticed unless it fails, makeup is one of cinema's most invisible arts that balances science, continuity and emotion beneath the glare of lights, makeup artist Uma Maheshwar tells Pranati A S

Makeup artist Uma Maheshwar in his makeup room, a space that functions both as a high-end salon and a laboratory for experimenting with complex transformations.

I once asked ChatGPT, 'You're taking away all our jobs... what should we do?' It replied, 'I'm nothing without you. I cannot deliver the human touch,'" says an optimistic Uma Maheshwar, fondly known as Makeup Umi in the Kannada film industry.

Umi, who began as a costume assistant on the Jaggesh-starrer 'Super Nanna Maga' (1992), is today among the most sought-after makeup artists in Kannada cinema.

His journey, however, has been marked by uncertainty, detours and hard-earned opportunities. At 18, Umi left home for Bengaluru with dreams of becoming an actor. Back then, even staying with relatives in the city was considered a "dishonour" to the family. For days, he survived at railway stations and bus stands until a chance encounter on a train with noted costume designer Gansi Nagaraj changed the course of his life. When a desperate Umi asked him for work, Nagaraj told him to return after 15 days; a fortnight Umi remembers as the hardest, yet most hopeful, period of his life.

Umi hails from a village in Hassan, where he grew up surrounded by theatre and folk traditions. He watched mythological plays such as 'Ramayana' and 'Sathyavaratha Shani Mahime', often performing as a 'vanara' himself. During 'ooru jatre', his grandfather painted figures of Bhootaraya and Chomaraya. Performance and storytelling, he says, were always woven into his world.

After the family moved to Tiptur in Tumakuru district, cinema became an obsession. His days began at 5 am in his brother's goldsmith shop before school, and ended there again after classes. At night, he would sneak away to watch second-show films. The routine continued until grade 10.

Fifteen days later, Nagaraj kept his promise. He allowed Umi to stay in a tiny room at Sandhya Lodge, rented to store costumes, and paid him Rs 10 a day, money Umi spent mostly on books. Soon, Umi joined Nagaraj on the sets of 'Super Nanna Maga'. Film crews often stepped in for one another, and the makeup assistant would frequently ask Umi — already handling Jaggesh's costumes — to manage touch-ups as well.

By the end of the shoot, Jaggesh asked Umi to become his personal assistant. What began with costumes gradually evolved into makeup touch-ups, starting with 'Alli Ramachari Illi Brahmachari'. Umi went on to work with Jaggesh on nearly 14 films until 'Bhairava' (1995).

He calls the actor his guru, crediting him not only for teaching him about cinema but also for showing him how to survive in the industry.

One day, Jaggesh told him it was time to move on. "Otherwise, you'll remain a touch-up boy forever," he said. That push became the turning point in Umi's career as a makeup artist. His first mentor was Mahadev Gowda, Jaggesh's personal makeup artist, after which he trained under Gurumurthy, Siddesh and Ramakrishna.

Umi also expanded beyond cinema into television, beginning with 'Sadhane' by B Suresha, followed by 'Garva' and 'Bidige Chandramma', among others. Through television, he eventually found his way into theatre groups such as Benaka and continues to work with theatre persons like Zafer Mohiuddin, Arjun Sajnani and Prakash Belawadi.

Over the years, he has worked with filmmaker such as Upendra, Om Prakash Rao, K V Raju, Yogaraj Bhat, Duniya Soori, Simple Suni and Hemanth M Rao.

Excerpts from an interview

How is makeup done differently for theatre?

In theatre, an artiste's expressions must remain visible even to audiences seated 10 to 40 feet away from the stage. That is why stage makeup is usually much heavier than film makeup. It is also far more demanding because transformations often have to happen instantly between scenes, especially when a single actor is playing multiple roles. A moustache, for instance, may need to be removed or applied within seconds between lights going off and coming back on.

The entire makeup process is meticulously pre-planned and has to be executed flawlessly. If an actor feels something is off, it can affect the performance itself. Film sets offer the luxury of retakes and time; theatre does not.

Sometimes in movies, makeup suddenly looks fresh in the middle of a scene. Why?

I'll speak from my experience with Hemanth M Rao. *(He has worked with the director on 'Kavaludaari', 'Sapta Sagaradaache Ello', and now '666 Operation Dream Theatre'.)* Continuity depends on what the director wants, and Hemanth is extremely particular about it. During 'Sapta...', he specifically wanted the same under-eye puffiness caused by lack of sleep, and even dried tear marks below Rukmini's eyes. If audiences are to fully experience cinema, makeup plays a crucial role. That is why the script must also be narrated to the makeup artist.

Continuity issues can also arise if directors shoot close-ups when the makeup is freshly done, and later move to mid-length or wide-angle shots after it has naturally settled. This is why sometimes, the character looks slightly different within the same scene.

How do you create bruises and injuries for action scenes?

Earlier, burn marks were created using onion peels, tissue and rubber. Today, makeup materials are far more advanced. Beyond zinc oxide powder, artists now have access to specialised SFX products, which offer materials like latex and wax for creating scars, burns and peeling skin. Filmmakers and actors such as Shankar and Kamal Haasan have redefined special effects makeup through films like 'Avvai Shanmugi' and 'Indian'.

Makeup is a science. It has to reflect the kind of wound a particular weapon or impact would realistically cause.

Has technology changed the way makeup is done?

Earlier, heavy make-up and contouring were necessary because of harsh, flat lighting. With advanced camera lenses, better lighting and lighter liquid-based products, makeup has become far more natural now. Many filmmakers now prefer just moisturiser, primer and concealer. Colour correction can also be handled in post-production. Even blood effects are often added later.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

A space Western worth watching

AMOGH RAVINDRA

Mando and his son, Grogu.

★★★☆☆

Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu

English (Theatres)

Director: Jon Favreau

Cast: Pedro Pascal, Jeremy Allen White, Martin Scorsese

The galaxy's favourite bounty hunter and his tiny green apprentice are back, and this time they are venturing into unfamiliar territory. Not some dangerous new planet or solar system, but the risky leap from OTT to the big screen. Like every 'Star Wars' character ever, the real question is simple: will this mission survive or crash-land halfway through hyperspace?

Set a year after the Empire's defeat, the film follows Mando and Grogu as they work alongside the New Republic to hunt down Imperial remnants. Their latest mission involves rescuing Rotta the Hutt, son of Jabba, while uncovering secrets connected to a mysterious Imperial overlord named Coin. What starts as a simple rescue mission slowly expands into a larger conspiracy, pushing the duo through dangerous planets, creature attacks, and familiar 'Star Wars' chaos.

There is still something undeniably appealing about The Mandalorian's world. It feels like an old Western dropped into deep space, with Pedro Pascal channelling strong Clint Eastwood "man with no name" energy beneath the beskar armour. Grogu remains effortlessly lovable without overdoing the cuteness, while Jeremy Allen White brings humour and attitude to Rotta in an impressive voice acting debut. Sigourney Weaver and Martin Scorsese add enjoyable cameo appearances along the way. Visually, the film rarely misses the mark. ILM deserves enormous credit for creating worlds and creatures that feel massive and lived in. However, predictable plot beats and uneven pacing occasionally slow the momentum.

'The Mandalorian and Grogu' is not perfect, but it has enough galactic charm to remind fans that "This is the way!"

A cue to end the franchise

DIVYA P

Mohanlal's Georgekutty.

★★★☆☆

Drishyam 3

Malayalam (Theatres)

Director: Jeethu Joseph

Cast: Mohanlal, Meena, Ansiba Hassan, Esther Anil

Thirteen years have passed since the murder of Varun Prabhakar, the son of a former IG, and the crime continues to cast a shadow over Georgekutty's family, threatening to upset their daughter's marriage plans.

The Mohanlal-led film, with the tagline 'the past never stays silent', brings back old foes who have now joined forces to bring down the genius criminal, convinced that Georgekutty just had luck and time on his side. In terms of structure, the third instalment of the 'Drishyam' franchise unravels just like its predecessors. The first half of the film moves at an unhurried pace with hints of an impending trouble. The second half brings twists and more faces from the past, with one of them undergoing a major transformation. Siddique and Murali Gopy get more screen time. Asha Sharath, who played the indomitable IG Geetha Prabhakar in the first two parts, is mostly missing in action as 'Drishyam 3' ultimately becomes a face-off between fathers.

Both 'Drishyam' 1 and 2 stood out for clever climaxes. Director Jeethu Joseph, who has written all three films, flips the narrative again for the third instalment, ensuring that viewers are thrown off by the climax twist. But it does feel stretched.

Credit goes to Jeethu for creating Georgekutty, for whom the audience still roots for. Mohanlal ably anchors the film with his compelling performance as Georgekutty, who has now begun to doubt himself. 'Drishyam 3' does not quite meet the standards set by its predecessors, signalling that it is time to bring down the curtains on the popular franchise.

Frustratingly hollow romantic drama

AISHWARYA VASUDEVAN

★☆☆☆☆

Chand Mera Dil

Hindi (Theatres)

Director: Vivek Soni

Cast: Ananya Panday, Lakshya, Paresh Pahuja, Manish Chaudhuri

Nearly 25 years after 'Saathiya' (Hindi remake of 'Alai Payuthey') redefined 'happily ever after' with emotional weight and practicality, Vivek Soni's 'Chand Mera Dil' attempts a similar feat. However, its execution is far too frustrating to overlook its flaws.

The film struggles early on to find its footing. Engineering students Chandni (Ananya Panday) and Aarav (Lakshya) meet at Hy-Tech College in Hyderabad and quickly fall in love. When Chandni unexpectedly gets pregnant, she chooses to keep the child, confident she can balance parenting and studies. Aarav reluctantly caves in out of love; they marry, and the gruelling reality of early parenthood begins.

While the film captures the hardships of young parents, it completely fails to make the audience care about the couple. The youthful college romance feels hollow. An early reveal that the entire story is a flashback and the couple has already split, drains the narrative of any suspense.

Director Vivek Soni ('Meenakshi Sundareshwar', 'Aap Jaisa Koi') typically thrives on stories about opposites navigating a flawed world. But while his previous films suffered from second-act issues, this screenplay — co-written by Tushar Paranjape and Akshat Ghildial — lacks coherence from the very beginning.

Both Ananya and Lakshya exert excessive effort in scenes requiring raw, emotional vulnerability. Unfortunately, they falter miserably. The romance lacks the depth necessary to support the heavy plot.

Ultimately, the poor execution of 'Chand Mera Dil' completely eclipses its ambitious attempt to bring a young college romance to maturity.

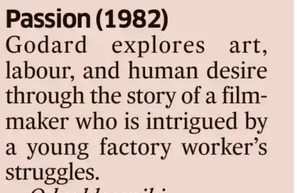
Coming soon: Fourth edition of Prajavani film awards

▶ The fourth edition of the Prajavani Kannada Cine Sammana, which honours excellence in Kannada cinema and celebrates the state's rich cinematic heritage, will be held soon.

More than 150 films released in 2025 will be considered for the awards. The technical jury has completed watching the films, and the nominations will be announced shortly. A total of 15 awards will be presented in the main category and four in the popular category.

Like every year, a senior film personality will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition, four awards will recognise films that serve as an inspiration for the film industry. The chief jury will select winners from among the nominated films.



Under the Editors' Choice category, film personalities will be honoured with the titles Cinema Dhruvatare, Navatare, and Achievement of the Year. EY serves as the audit partner.

Where is Kannada cinema's new wave?

After years of chasing pan-India spectacle, it's time for audiences to rediscover rooted storytelling, writes Pranati A S

The last two months have been unusually quiet for Kannada cinema. The few films that were released quietly disappeared after two-three days. One would assume this downturn is because of the IPL season, however, there seems to be a curious reluctance among producers to release their films due to multiple reasons.

The year began fairly well with low-budget films like 'Rakkasapuradhol', 'Landlord', 'Second Case of Seetharam' and 'Love Mocktail 3' doing good business. However, April and May saw neither major star-driven releases nor films that achieved critical success, exposing the industry's weak theatrical confidence, quite unlike 2025 that saw experiments like 'Firefly', 'Vidyapati', 'Agnyatavasi', 'Naale Raja Koli Maja' and 'Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana' during the IPL season.

Of course there was 'KD: The Devil'. The film was surrounded by controversy even before release, beginning with a backlash over its Nora Fatehi-led item number. It later ran into CBFC-related issues over uncertified visuals in its trailer. Upon release, critics and audiences described the film as loud, emotionally shallow, relying on outdated mass-movie tropes. So the momentum faded after the first weekend.

Yash's 'Toxic' also appears to have affected the industry's release calendar. Several filmmakers were reportedly hesitant to lock release dates while awaiting clarity on the film's schedule. When the film shifted from March to June only two weeks before its March release date, many mid-budget projects were left in limbo. This took away two full months from the calendar. And the movie has been postponed again!

Debutant director Viveka's 'Mango Pachcha' with Sanchith Sanjeev in the lead role will release on June 5.

On the brighter side, the coming months may offer a turnaround. Beginning with debutant director Viveka's 'Mango Pachcha', backed by KRG Studios and releasing on June 5, Kannada cinema is set to see a slate of promising mid-budget films. Among the most anticipated are Simple Suni's return to romance 'Moda Kavida Vathavarana', 'Blink' director Srinidhi Bengaluru's 'Video', K M Chaitanya's 'Balaramana Dinagalu', and 'Heggana Muddu' and 'Mother Promise', both from Daali Dhananjaya's stable. Independent filmmakers are also contributing — Ganesh Hegde's 'Kurka' with Vijay Raghavendra playing an interesting role, Sumanth Bhat's 'Shankarabharana' backed by Shine Shetty, and Prithvi Konnanur's untitled project starring Raj B Shetty and produced by KVN Productions.

The industry's silence in the last two months has been difficult to ignore. But Kannada cinema is perhaps now entering a phase where quieter, more personal stories are beginning to pique interest. After years of chasing pan-India glory, it may now be time for the audiences to rediscover smaller, rooted storytelling. Remember the refreshing and authentic 'Su from So'?

MASTER PICKS

Breathless (1960)
Rooted in post-Second World War philosophies, the film follows the story of a petty thief on the run and explores the meaning of freedom, love, and morality. The film is known for altering filmmaking grammar.
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A Woman is a Woman (1961)
A stripper longing for a baby pursues another man when her partner refuses to have children, testing the relationship dynamics between the three of them.
BFI rentals

Pierrot le Fou (1965)
A road movie about a bored, unhappily married intellectual who leaves his Parisian life behind to run away with his former lover; juxtaposing romantic idealism with reality.
Youtube/ The Criterion Collection

Masculin Féminin (1966)
Describing the youth of the time as children of Marx and Coca Cola, Godard makes a playful commentary about the generation torn between political ideals and rising American pop culture.
Mubi

La Chinoise (1967)
One of Godard's underrated works, the dark French comedy follows a group of students who have embraced Maoist ideals and strive to incite revolution through extremist measures.
Internet Archive

Passion (1982)
Godard explores art, labour, and human desire through the story of a filmmaker who is intrigued by a young factory worker's struggles.
Odnoklassniki

Shailesh Kushwaha

Animesh regains 100m NR from Gurindervir within minutes

RANCHI, PTI: The national record was smashed twice within minutes in men's 100m race as drama unfolded on the opening day of the National Senior Athletics Federation Competition here on Friday.

Gurindervir Singh of Reliance first shattered Animesh Kujur's 10-month-old national record of 10.18 seconds, clocking 10.17 seconds in the first semifinals heat. The new mark survived just a few minutes as Animesh ran 10.15 seconds in second semifinals heat to regain his record.

Both Gurindervir and Animesh will have another showdown in the final

Meanwhile, Shailesh Kushwaha of Karnataka bagged a silver medal in the men's 10000m race with a 29:57.56 effort.

Karnataka's Shivaji M apparently suffered dehydration in the gruelling race.

Riyas roars for Ronaldo FC Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: Mohammed Riyas PS netted five goals while Sonukumar S scored a hat-trick as Ronaldo FC Bengaluru thrashed Yelahanka FC 14-0 in North Zone's Group C encounter in the KSFA C Division League at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Friday.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Results: North Zone: Group C: Ronaldo FC Bengaluru: 14 (Chinmay Pai M 5th own goal, Mohammed Riyas PS 6th, 22nd, 26th, 30th, 47th, Lunjakai aite 13th, Karthik B 28th, Sonukumar S 4th, 41st, 51st, Soiminthang 39th, Gowri Shankar R 44th, Vijay Nagappan 60th) bt Yelahanka FC: 0; Play 365 FC: 5 (Dhanush MV 11th, Rohan MS 14th, Muhammed Shan MP 31st, Nithin Ferancis 35th, Yash Raj M 42nd) bt Victoria FC Bangalore: 0; Annsh Sports Club: 2 (Arunkumar K 23rd, 45th) bt Black Moon FC: 1 (Milan Jonathan 7th). **Group D:** DB United FC bt Mahesh Raj United FC (did not turn up); Blue Diamonds FC: 1 (Babu) drew with Agniputhra FA: 1 (Kameshwaran S 12th); RV FC: 6 (Sachin S 11th, 31st, 34th, 39th, Raju 13th, Hemkumar M 36th) bt Pioneer FC Bangalore X: 0.

Alfonsine for KN Guruswamy Memorial Trophy

BENGALURU SELECTIONS

P Prasanna Kumar-trained Alfonsine, to be ridden by P Trevor, is tipped to land the spoils in the KN Guruswamy Memorial Trophy over 1400m, one of the key events of races at the Bangalore Turf Club on Saturday. The first race starts at 2:30 pm.

Meanwhile, P Prasanna Kumar-trained Prokofiev, to be ridden by P Trevor, is fancied to win the Col Desraj Urs Trophy, the feature event of the races.

1. The Royal Turn 1200M: Osaka 1, Spark Of Life 2, Euro Star 3.
2. The Moonlight Romance Plate (Div II) 1400M: Imperial Star 1, Kazing 2, Martha 3.
3. The Supervite Plate (Div I) 1400M: Queendom 1, Fils De France 2, Lena 3.
4. The KN Guruswamy Memorial Trophy 1400: Alfonsine 1, Perfect Attitude 2, Moon Star 3.
5. The Col Desraj Urs Trophy 1600M: Prokofiev 1, Margaretta 3, Tolkien 3.
6. The Moonlight Romance Plate (Div I) 1400M: CR Seven 1, Mandate 2, Versace 3.
7. Supervite Plate (Div II) 1400M: Flight Of Fancy 1, Sapporo 2, Supreme Success 3.
Day's best: Osaka. **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. **Mini jackpot:** 4, 5, 6 & 7. **I treble:** 2, 3 & 4. **II treble:** 5, 6 & 7.

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CRICKET

IPL: LSG vs PBKS (**7:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

FOOTBALL

IFL: Diamond Harbour vs Shillong Lajong (**6:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Ten 5, SonyLIV.**

BADMINTON

Malaysian Masters: Semifinals (**9:30 am**). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Select 2, JioHotstar.**

TENNIS

SM Krishna Memorial: Final (**3:00 pm**). **LIVE** on **DD Sports.**

FORMULA 1

Canadian GP: Sprint race (**9:30 pm**). **LIVE** on **FanCode**.

Coach Guardiola confirms Man City departure

'Don't ask me the reasons I'm leaving. There is no reason'

MANCHESTER, AFP

Pep Guardiola announced on Friday that he will leave Manchester City at the end of the season after a trophy-laden decade that transformed English football.

Guardiola guided City to 20 trophies, including six Premier League titles, and won the Champions League for the first time in the club's history.

Aston Villa's visit to the Etihad Stadium on Sunday will be his final match in charge, although he is set to continue working for the City Football Group as a global ambassador.

"What a time we have had together," Guardiola said in an emotional video released by City.

"Don't ask me the reasons I'm leaving. There is no reason, but deep inside, I know it's my time.

"Nothing is eternal -- if it was, I would be here. Eternal will be the feeling, the people, the memories, the love I have for my Manchester City."

The Catalan's impending departure was first reported on Monday, two days after he won his third FA Cup at the club.

At that point, the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss was tight-lipped on his future, with City missing out on the Premier League title to Arsenal 24 hours later.

Former Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca, who previously worked on Guardiola's staff at City, has been widely reported as the man set to take over at the Etihad.

Pep Guardiola

"He has made an indelible imprint on the DNA of the club. One that is borne more from how he won than from the many trophies he lifted," said club owner Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, referring to Guardiola.

"He has the unending gratitude of myself and the entire City family, a family of which he will always be part."

Sheikh Mansour is vice president of the United Arab Emirates, whose investment vehicle bought a controlling stake in City in 2008, transforming the finances of the club.

END OF A GLORIOUS ERA

- Pep Guardiola guided Manchester City to 20 trophies during his 10-year reign.
- Premier League: 6 -- 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24.
- FA Cup: 4 -- 2018-19, 2022-23, 2025-26; 2024-25.
- League Cup: 5 -- 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2025-26.
- FA Community Shield: 3 -- 2018, 2019, 2024.
- UEFA Champions League: 1 - 2022-23.
- UEFA Super Cup: 1 - 2023.
- FIFA Club World Cup: 1 - 2023.
- Premier League Manager of the Season: 5 - 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2022-23, 2023-24.
- UEFA Men's Coach of the Year: 1 - 2022-23.
- The Best FIFA Football Coach: 1 - 2022-23.

FOOTBALL

Ronaldo ends long wait for Saudi title

Portuguese superstar scores a brace in Al Nassr's 4-1 win over Damac

RIYADH, AFP

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice as Al Nassr clinched the Saudi Pro League title with a 4-1 win over Damac on Thursday, ending his long wait for domestic silverware.

A trademark free-kick and a close-range finish, both in the final half-hour, sealed the win Al Nassr needed on the last night of the season, with Al Hilal finishing just two points behind.

Ronaldo, 41, who was without a major club trophy since winning Serie A with Juventus in 2020, arrived in the oil-rich desert kingdom to great acclaim in 2023, wept as he watched the final minutes from the bench.

He adds the Saudi championship to his English, Spanish and Italian titles and five Champions League medals.

Al Nassr took a 2-0 lead but were back to 2-1 before Ronaldo's free-kick on 63 minutes evaded the goalkeeper and a forest of legs to find the far corner.

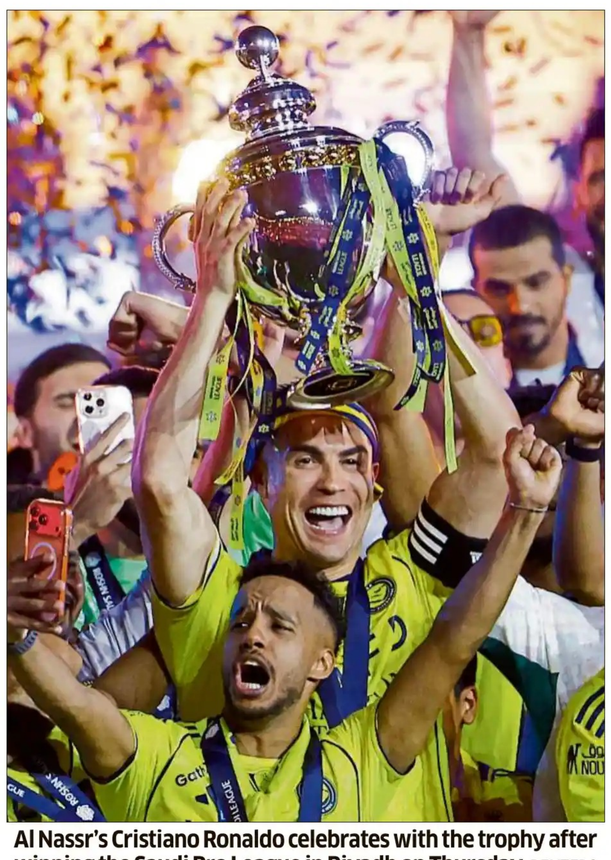
He struck again nine minutes from time, receiving a cutback on the edge of the six-yard box and smashing into the net.

Next up for the all-time leading men's international goalscorer, with 143 goals, is a sixth crack at the World Cup after he was named in Portugal's squad this week.

Ronaldo opened the door to a series of big-money Saudi signings when he joined Al Nassr in January 2023 following an unhappy second spell at Manchester United.

Neymar and Karim Benzema were among those to follow after Ronaldo inked a two-and-a-half-year deal estimated at 200 million euros, extended for two years in June 2025.

In 2024, Saudi Arabia was confirmed as host of the 2034 World Cup, a coup as it pushes to decouple its economy from oil and attract business.



Al Nassr's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates with the trophy after winning the Saudi Pro League in Riyadh on Thursday. REUTERS

Carrick given two-year deal as Man United manager

MANCHESTER, AP: Michael Carrick **(in pic)** has been handed a two-year contract by Manchester United after passing his audition for the job of head coach with flying colors.

United confirmed on Friday that Carrick would become its seventh permanent manager since the retirement of club icon Alex Ferguson in 2013.

Carrick has transformed United's fortunes, securing qualification for the Champions League and standout wins against Manchester City, Arsenal and Liverpool.

His record in his short spell stands at 11 wins in 16 games, with only two losses, and he has steered the team to third in the Premier League after it finished 15th last term.

Palmer, Foden miss out

LONDON, AFP

Cole Palmer and Phil Foden were among a number of high-profile names excluded by Thomas Tuchel from England's World Cup squad on Friday.

Real Madrid's Trent Alexander Arnold was also left out, with Saudi-based Al-Ahli striker Ivan Toney the surprise inclusion.

Tuchel, a Champions League winner during his time at Chelsea, has been hired to end England's 60-year wait to win a major international tournament.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Jordan Pickford, Dean Henderson, James Trafford. **Defenders**: Reece James, Tino Livramento, Dan Burn, Marc Guehi, John Stones, Nico O'Reilly, Ezri Konsa, Jarell Quansah, Djed Spence. **Midfielders**: Declan Rice, Elliot Anderson, Jude Bellingham, Jordan Henderson, Kobbie Mainoo, Morgan Rogers, Eberechi Eze. **Forwards**: Harry Kane, Ivan Toney, Ollie Watkins, Bukayo Saka, Noni Madueke, Marcus Rashford, Anthony Gordon.

Norway squad

Manchester City's Haaland and Arsenal's Odegaard are among the starriest names in a 26-man squad.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Orjan Haskjold Nyland, Sander Tangvik, Egil Selvik. **Defenders**: Kristoffer Vassbakk Kopp Ajer, Leo Skiri Ostigard, David Moller Wolfe, Fredrik Andre Bjorkan, Marcus Holmgren Pedersen, Torbjorn Lysaker Heggem, Sondre Klingen Langas, Henrik Saelebakke Falchener, Julian Ryerson. **Midfielders**: Morten Thorsby, Patrick Berg, Sander Berge, Martin Odegaard, Fredrik Aursnes, Kristian Thorstvedt, Thelonious Aasgaard, Antonio Eromonsele Nordby Nusa, Andreas Raedergard Schjelderup, Oscar Bobb, Jens Petter Hauge. **Forwards**: Alexander Sorloth, Erling Braut Haaland, Jorgen Strand Larsen.

Ashmita's run ends in quarters

KUALA LUMPUR, PTI: India's Ashmita Chaliha produced a spirited performance before going down narrowly to world No. 23 Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt of Denmark in the women's singles quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Returning after an eight-month rehabilitation following a medial meniscus tear in her right knee, the 71st-ranked Indian squandered a hard-fought opening game advantage to lose 23-21, 18-21, 11-21 to the eighth seed in a contest lasting a little over an hour at the Axiata Arena.

Chaliha started brightly, opening up an 11-6 lead at the interval in the opening game.

Line clawed her way back after the break to narrow the gap to 13-12 and later moved ahead 19-18, but the Indian held her nerve in a gruelling battle to pocket the game.

The second game followed a similar pattern as Chaliha surged ahead 10-5 before the Dane restored parity at 13-13.

HC pulls up WFI over Vinesh's disqualification

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Delhi High Court on Friday pulled up the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for its decision to declare celebrated grappler Vinesh Phogat "ineligible" from participation in domestic events and asked the Centre to constitute an expert panel to evaluate her.

A bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia observed that the WFI's departure from the earlier practice of permitting the participation of reputed athletes "speaks volumes," and asked the Centre to ensure that Phogat, who is seeking her return from a maternity break, is allowed to participate in the upcoming Asian Games selection trials.

The bench emphasised that motherhood is celebrated in the country, and the federation should not act with "vengeance."

It asked the Centre to constitute an expert panel to evaluate Phogat after the government counsel submitted that the framework provided by the Sports Authority of India permits relaxation of eligibility criteria in certain cases.

"Ask the experts to evaluate her chances.. Ensure that she participates," the court orally said, as it clarified it would take up the matter at 2:30 pm again to enable the government counsel to come back with further details with respect to the constitution of the team of expert.

The court was hearing Phogat's appeal against a single-judge's order of May 18 refusing her immediate relief on the issue of her participation in the selection trials on May 30-31 for this year's Asian Games despite being declared "ineligible" by the WFI.

Phogat's senior counsel urged the bench to grant her the opportunity to participate in the trials, contending that

Vinesh Phogat

the show-cause notice issued to her on May 9, a day before her participation in a domestic event in Gonda, showed that "somebody is clutching at straws" to oust her.

The court expressed its displeasure at the show-cause notice claiming that Phogat's disqualification in the Paris Olympics was a "national shame" and questioned why it should not be presumed that the WFI changed the selection criteria for her.

"She became a mother in July 2025. We are in May. She is a wrestler of international repute.

"Why can't it be presumed that you changed it (selection criteria) for her. Whatever may be the feud or dispute, why should the cause of sports suffer? Motherhood is celebrated in the country, should it come to the detriment of a person?" the court orally remarked.

"The change in circular says all. Don't conduct yourself like this. This is not in the best interest of sports. Deviation from the earlier circular speaks volumes," it added.

The WFI had declared Phogat ineligible to participate in domestic events till June 26, 2026, citing the mandatory six-month notice period linked to athletes returning from retirement under anti-doping rules.

Maharaja Trophy from June 20 in Mysuru and Hubballi

BENGALURU, DHNS

The KSCA Maharaja T20 Trophy will be held from June 20 to July 12 in Mysuru and Hubballi, with six franchises set to battle for the spoils.

The tournament will be held in three phases, kicking off in Mysuru, then moving on to Hubballi before climaxing in Mysuru.

The auctions for the tournament are expected to be held in Alur on June 4 with each team having a maximum purse of Rs 60 lakh. The franchises can pick players from a pool of around 130-150 that'll be curated by the State senior selection committee. Franchises will have to buy a minimum of 16 players and sign a maximum of 18 with two extra catchment area players allowed as extras.

Sony Sports has been identified as the terrestrial broadcast partner with KSCA still on the lookout for a streaming service provider.

Meanwhile, KSCA said its is looking at conducting the Maharani Cup, the corresponding event for women, but is yet to identify a window owing to the finalisation of franchises.

"Our intention is to hold the Maharani Cup also on the same scale as Maharaja Trophy," said KSCA secretary Santosh Menon during a news conference on Friday.

The six franchises announced by KSCA are: (1) Bengaluru (Kalyani Motors), (2) Mysuru (Natural Essentials Oils Limited, Cycle Agarbatti), (3) Hubballi (Jindal Steel), (4) Raichur (Micon Engineers Hubli Pvt Ltd), (5) Mangaluru (Klene Paks Ltd), (6) Shivamogga (ICS Mobile Pvt Ltd).

KSCA shortlists three architects

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Cricket Association has shortlisted three architects for the upgradation of the Chinnaswamy Stadium after close to 30 firms from across the world submitted their 'expression of interest'.

"Upgrading the Chinnaswamy Stadium, apart from ensuring international cricket returns to the iconic venue, was one of the key agendas in our manifesto before elections," said president Venkatesh Prasad.

"The stadium is more than 50 years old and has a capacity of around 32,000. If we cut out passes for our members etc, the remaining is around 25,000 for the general public. It's a small (number) for a City like Bengaluru that has grown immensely. Plus, there are too many pillars in the stadium that obstruct the view of many fans. We intend to increase its capacity to about 55,000.

"Many leading firms expressed their interest. We have shortlisted three of them, and we'll be inviting them shortly to give their blueprint. We will then put it forth before the managing committee, then the State Government, and take it forward." Prasad also said the KSCA will be upgrading the light towers at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, the Srikantadatta Narasimha Raja Wadiyar Cricket Stadium in Mysuru and Rajnagar Stadium in Hubballi. "We will be installing the state-of-the-art LED lights at the three venues in a phased manner. The idea behind it is to enhance user experience for fans at the stadium and for those watching on TV at home. First will be Chinnaswamy so that it's ready before the international matches it's set to host this season. Then will be Mysuru followed by Hubballi."

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2	E-Tender Notice	URSC/C&MG/C/C/12/2025-26 Dt. 16/03/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 224.23 Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 05/06/2026
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 12/06/2026
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.31 hrs on 12/06/2026

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

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(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids for tender for the following work in Trans (Project) Circle, KPTCL, Kalaburagi:

BID ENQUIRY No: SEE/TPC/KLB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/2026-27/110kV Allur.K Dated: 22.05.2026. for Conducting preliminary & detailed survey of 110kV line pertaining to the work of Establishing 2X20MVA, 110/11kV sub-station at **Allur.K** by constructing 110kV DC line on DC tower from proposed 110kV Yagapur S/S using Panther conductor to proposed 110kV **Allur.K** s/s for a distance of about 20Kms in Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi District".

The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"List of Tenders" on or after 26.05.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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RCB sign off on top despite defeat

Champs meet GT in Qualifier 1; SRH to play Eliminator

HYDERABAD, PTI

Sunrisers Hyderabad maintained their now familiar hell-for-leather template, but even a thumping 55-run victory couldn't prevent Royal Challengers Bengaluru from topping the points table at the end of their IPL league stage engagement here on Friday.

Abhishek Sharma's batswing, Ishan Kishan's daredevilry and Heinrich Klaasen's brute muscularity took SRH to a meaty total of 255 for 4.

For RCB, the primary target was to score 166 to finish in top two and ensure two shots at qualifying for the IPL final and they did that with ease despite losing the contest by a big margin. They finished on 200 for 4.

RCB (NRR +0.783), thus, topped the group league phase with Gujarat Titans (NRR +0.695) and SRH (NRR +0.524) finishing second and third respectively despite all three teams getting 18 points apiece.

The chase was always out of question even as Venkatesh Iyer (44 off 19 balls) provided a solid start. Virat Kohli (15 off 11 balls) and Devdutt Padikkal (21 off 14 balls) didn't get too many.

Once RCB understood that they can't win the match, veterans Rajat Patidar (56 off 39 balls) and Krunal Pandya (41 not out off 31 balls) concentrated on the 'Magic Figure' of 166 with a 84-run stand.

Once Patidar flayed Pat Cummins over deep point for a six, RCB ensured a top-two finish.

SCORE BOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD: Abhishek Sharma c sub Cox b Suyash 56, Travis Head b Rasikh 26, Ishan Kishan c Padikkal b Rasikh 79, Heinrich Klaasen c Venkatesh b Krunal 51, Nitish Kumar Reddy (not out) 29. Extras (W-14) 14. **TOTAL (for 4 wkts, 20 overs) 255.**
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-97, 3-210, 4-255.
Bowling: Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4-0-51-0, Josh Hazlewood 4-0-55-0, Rasikh Salam 4-0-52-2, Suyash Sharma 3-0-36-1, Romario Shepherd 3-0-37-0, Krunal Pandya 2-0-24-1.

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU: Venkatesh Iyer c Abhishek b Malinga 44, Virat Kohli c Smaran b Sakib 15, Devdutt Padikkal c Abhishek b Malinga 21, Rajat Patidar c Smaran b Head 56, Krunal Pandya (not out) 41, Tim David (not out) 15. Extras (W-5, LB-2, NB-1) 8. **TOTAL (for 4 wkts, 20 overs) 200.**
Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-74, 3-94, 4-178.
Bowling: Pat Cummins 4-0-48-0, Eshan Malinga 4-0-33-2, Shivang Kumar 2-0-32-0, Sakib Hussain 4-0-31-1, Harshal Patel 4-0-37-0, Nitish Kumar Reddy 1-0-10-0, Travis Head 1-0-7-1.
Result: SRH won by 55 runs.
PoM: Ishan Kishan.
RCB's next match: Qualifier 1 vs Gujarat Titans (May 26, Dharamsala).

Ishan Kishan scored a brisk 46-ball 79 to help Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Royal Challengers Bengaluru by 55 runs at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium on Friday. REUTERS

He was out at the team score of 178, which was required to finish on top of the table.

Among SRH bowlers, Eshan Malinga (2/33 in 4 overs) was once again brilliant with his lengths, while Bihar youngster Sakib Hussain (1/31) also didn't let the batters get away during middle overs.

Earlier, when SRH batted, Abhishek (56 off 22 balls) scored another 20-ball half-century and nullified Bhuvneshwar Kumar in his first spell.

Vice-captain Kishan found the gaps while displaying both precision and cheekiness to pummel his way to 79 off just 44 balls.

Klaasen (51 off 24 balls), probably the most consistent batter across teams below No. 3, literally toyed with a world-class operator like Josh Hazlewood, taking as many as 27 runs off his third over and the team's 13th, as the Orange Army ensured that they would cross the 250-run mark on a batting featherbed.

The mayhem was started by Abhishek when he elegantly lofted a Bhuvneshwar delivery over wide of long-off to get his first six.

Bhuvneshwar, who found a second wind in this IPL, wasn't allowed to settle down as he flicked him twice -- once over square-leg and then over deep mid-wicket off back-to-back deliveries. Romario Shepherd's friendly, occasional medium pace wasn't suppose to trouble the world's No. 1 ranked T20 batter, and it didn't.

While Kishan dropped anchor at one end while showing consistency that one expects from a talent like him, no words of praise would be enough for Klaasen. who remains the most sought after gun for hire in the franchise universe.

Punjab Kings seek turnaround in fortunes

Shreyas' men must win against LSG to keep hopes alive

LIVE 7:30 PM

LUCKNOW, PTI

Punjab Kings will need something spectacular to arrest a disastrous slide and keep their fading playoffs hopes alive when they take on already-eliminated Lucknow Super Giants, in their IPL clash, here on Saturday.

Punjab's campaign has unravelled dramatically since their record 265-run chase against Delhi Capitals on April 25. From remaining unbeaten till the midway stage and looking like genuine title contenders with six wins in seven matches, the last season's runners-up have crashed to six successive defeats, leaving their playoffs hopes hanging by a thread.

Now placed fifth, Punjab not only need to beat LSG in their final league game here on Saturday but also depend on Sunday's double headers (MI vs RR and KKR vs DC) to earn a place in the playoffs.

The Shreyas Iyer-led side would hope both Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders lose their respective matches.

A Rajasthan Royals win over Mumbai would officially end Punjab's hopes, while a KKR victory over Delhi Capitals could bring net run rate into play. At present, PBKS hold a slight edge in NRR over KKR. But before permutations come into the picture, Punjab first need to rediscover their form after a prolonged slump that has exposed flaws across departments.

Their aggressive top order of Priyansh Arya, Prabhsimran Singh and Cooper Connolly has failed to provide the explosive starts that defined the first half of their season.

Priyansh has managed just one fifty in his last seven innings and was dismissed for a duck in the previous game, while Prabhsimran too has struggled for consistency with only one fifty in his last five innings.

Connolly has shown glimpses but has not converted starts into substantial scores. Having reamined among the leaders in run-getters' tally, captain Iyer's returns too have dipped sharply during the losing streak.

Punjab Kings' captain Shreyas Iyer (right) and coach Ricky Ponting, who have failed to arrest their side's slide, have one last chance of keeping their playoffs hopes going when they meet LSG on Saturday. PTI

POINTS TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Lost	NR	Pts	NRR
Royal Challengers (Q)	14	9	5	0	18	0.783
Gujarat Titans (Q)	14	9	5	0	18	0.695
Sunrisers (Q)	14	9	5	0	18	0.524
Rajasthan Royals	13	7	6	0	14	0.083
Punjab Kings	13	6	6	1	13	0.227
Kolkata Knight Riders	13	6	7	1	13	0.011
Chennai Super Kings	14	6	8	0	12	-0.345
Delhi Capitals	13	6	7	0	12	-0.871
Mumbai Indians	13	4	9	0	8	-0.510
Lucknow Super Giants	13	4	9	0	8	-0.702

'MS will make decision in best interest of team'

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Chennai Super Kings bowling coach Eric Simons said Mahendra Singh Dhoni alone will decide on his comeback, stressing that the veteran wicketkeeper-batter would only return if he feels fully fit and ready to contribute to the team.

Dhoni, 44, couldn't play a single game in this edition due to a leg injury but Simons said he impressed in the nets with his clean striking.

"Are you seriously asking me that question? We always are," Simons said when asked if CSK are hopeful of Dhoni's availability next year.

"I mean, honestly, he has hit the ball so well. He obviously had a leg injury, which made it very difficult for him to run, so that's why he couldn't play.

"But in terms of hitting the ball in the nets, he's hitting it as well as I've ever seen him hit it. But I keep saying this, only MS will know, and MS will make the decision about when he's ready and when he's right."

The former South Africa all-rounder said Dhoni would always prioritise the team's interest over personal milestones.

M S Dhoni

"And I tell you what, if he knows he's not, he won't play. But if he is right, he will. He'll make the decision in the best interest of the team and not for himself as an individual.

"But it will be great to have him playing. It's been great just having him around the unit and being someone to tap into for knowledge and calmness," he added.

Simons said the team put in a lot of effort in fielding but admitted that fielding hasn't been consistent.

"That's a great question. I was actually literally just talking to Matthew Hayden about that. We've actually practised a lot of fielding this year, but I think throughout the tournament we've seen some incredibly brilliant catches and some incredibly easy catches dropped, which is quite strange," he said.

"So what teams do about that, and how one goes away with that and works on it, is to be decided by the fielding coaches. But we have put a lot of work into our fielding this year. There's always improvements that can be made. But again, we take some great catches, and then we drop some that surprise us."

Vijay Shankar retires from domestic cricket, IPL

NEW DELHI, PTI: India all-rounder Vijay Shankar **(in pic)** on Friday announced r etirement from domestic cricket and the Indian Premier League (IPL) to "pursue new opportunities" and "play more cricket".

The 35-year-old all-rounder from Tamil Nadu, who later joined Tripura in domestic cricket ahead of the 2025-2026 season, played 12 ODIs and nine T20Is for India between 2018 and 2019.

Shankar announced his decision in a social media post.

"Cricket is my life. I started playing when I was 10 and 25 years later, I am grateful and blessed to have played at every level and to the highest level. Representing our country will always be one of my proudest and happiest moments," he wrote.

"I have decided to retire from playing domestic cricket and IPL to pursue new opportunities and play more cricket. Thank you will not suffice for letting me do what I love. Eternally grateful."

"Thankful to BCCI and the Indian Cricket Team - many learnings, countless memories and various inspirations! Representing the country will be my highest badge of honour."

Sachith's unbeaten century powers City Gymkhana

BENGALURU, DHNS: Sachith Shetty's unbeaten ton and half-centuries from Arnav Manchale and Siddharth HS powered City Gymkhana to a comfortable 109-run win over Vivekanagar Cricketers in the KSCA under-16 inter-club tournament here.

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Brief scores (pre-quarterfinals): City Gymkhana: 275/2 in 49 overs (Arnav N Manchale 62, Sachith Shetty 103 n.o., Siddharth HS 77) bt Vivekanagar Cricketers: 166 all out in 44.1 overs (Shishir 33, Sachit S Galatagi 30, Likhith P Jadhav 51 n.o.; Tarun M 3-52, Tejas Sudhindra Bhat 3-21).
Visweswarapuram Cricket Club (1): 160 all out in 45.4 overs (Sanjit Sathish 50, Ameya Prashant Nayak 36; Shwetansh RK 3-29, Vivaan Singh 3-33) lt to Spartons Sports Club: 161 for no loss in 40 overs (Ryan Tomar 59 n.o., Vikrant Ronav Budala 86 n.o.).
Vultures Cricket Club: 160/4 in 33 overs (Aaryan Nagesh 57, Akhieera Allan W 55 n.o.; Sriman Pratyush Reddy Alamuru 3-31) lt to Engrades Cricket Club: 164/6 in 31.3 overs (Samvit Shastri 50, Gnanesh Subramani 30, Tarun Rajesh 26 n.o.; Aaryan Nagesh 3-31). Start of the match was delayed due to wet outfield, revised to 33 overs per side.
Social Cricketers: 136 all out in 35.1 overs (Athreya Bhat 49; Arnav Ravindra Dere 2-21, Kushal KA 2-27) lt to Rajajinagar Cricketers: 137/2 in 19.1 overs (Prabhav Pydah 38, Debraj Nandi 43, Niranjan Ashok 47 n.o.).
Jayanagar United Cricketers: 159 all out in 38.2 overs (Trishaan Sethi 44, Yadalla Kushaal Krishna 36; Vikram 2-46, Viaan Joshi 2-29, Saurjyesh Das 2-14, Vishist PJ 2-13) lt to Bangalore Sports Club: 162/5 in 34.1 overs (Vineet Pravin Patil 39, Tanshh Krishna M 38, Viaan Joshi 46 n.o.; Adhyay 3-43).
Vijaya Cricket Club: 224 all out in 46.3 overs (Hruthik Kumar 41, Ahaan Dash 52, Yuvaan Porwal 32, Paarth Madan 54; Usman Shareef 3-31, Jeevan G 3-40) lt to Young Lions Club: 228/8 in 49.4 overs (Deekshith Gowda HD 40, Kushal Gowda A 66, Raunak Kumar Singh 31; Shashank Bannatti 2-41, Prayag Bijesh 3-25, Paarth Madan 2-43).
RVCE Gymkhana: 204 all out in 49.3 overs (Aarush P Puthran 33, Avaneesha SN 45, Skandha D Shetty 29; Souhard B 2-37, Naksh CM 2-27, Piyush Raj L 3-30) bt Bangalore United Cricket Club (1): 177 all out in 45.3 overs (Lakshmi Narayan M 29, Aarav Bajaj 66; Ujwal Krishna B 2-17, Viswajeet Prashant Jadhav 3-25, Chirayu Vishesh 4-31.
Blue Diamond Cricketers: 168 all out in 49.2 overs (Siddharth Ram Narayan 38; Kodatala Sai Shravan Reddy 3-23, Arav Vijay 2-21, Saketh Hoskere 3-18) lt to Herons Cricket Club: 169/2 in 30.5 overs (Ashwwath Nagarajan 27, Noraj V 81, P Yateesh 46 n.o.).

Mehul marches into semis

BENGALURU, DHNS: Top seed Mehul Manav Arulmurugan overcame a mid-match blip to defeat Satvik S Prabhu 21-19, 16-21, 21-12 in boys' under-17 singles quarterfinals in the Karnataka State Sub-junior ranking badminton tournament in Vijayapura on Friday.

Results (quarterfinals, prefix denotes seeding): U-17: Boys singles: 1-Mehul Manav Arulmurugan bt Satvik S Prabhu 21-19, 16-21, 21-12; 3-Peeyush Tripathy bt Evan Dexter Fernandes 21-15, 14-21, 21-16; 5-Shivaraj Kaberalli bt Devansh Chowdhury 21-18, 21-23, 21-13; Dylan P Thokchom bt Shyam Bindiganavile 21-11, 18-21, 21-14. **Girls singles:** 1-Keerthi Balaji bt Yashika Shivaprakash 21-9, 21-17; Mahitha Naidu Surisetty bt Hamsa Muralidhara 21-10, 21-9; Siri TR bt 17-Deborah John 21-14, 11-21, 22-20; Adithi Sushanth bt 5-Shree Naga Lakshmi P 21-17, 21-18.
U-15: Boys singles: 13-Yashvardhan SR bt Rohan Karuturi 21-18, 21-10; 22-Ishaan Pathak bt Madhav Satheesh Veena 21-15, 21-15; BB Vishal Uthappa bt Aayush Mishra 21-18, 16-21, 21-19; Gautham S Nair bt 16-Arjun Agrawal 21-10, 21-7. **Girls singles:** 1-Mahitha Naidu Surisetty bt Lisha V 21-8, 21-15; 3-Adithi Sushanth bt Siri TR 21-18, 21-18; 6-Hansika Rakesh bt Hamsa Muralidhara 21-17, 12-21, 21-13; Smriti S bt 8-Johanna Ahilan 21-16, 17-21, 21-15.

Ivashka sets up final date with Biryukov

HITA PRAKASH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Power-hitting was the name of the game during the semifinal clash between Ilya Ivashka and Hamish Stewart at the SM Krishna Memorial here on Friday. Ultimately, the player who controlled his aggression better won.

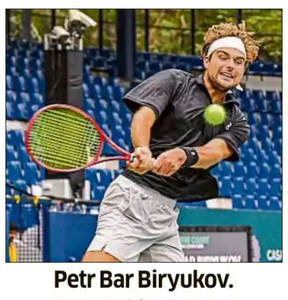
As the two-hour, six-minute battle unfolded, Belarus' Ivashka started strongly, endured a mid-match meltdown and then gathered himself to score a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Great Britain's third-seeded Stewart.

The 32-year-old Ivashka, a former top-40 player who reached the last-four stage for the second consecutive week, was precise with his serves and robust with his groundstrokes. The temperamental Stewart, on the other side, struggled to counter the paceof his opponent while fumbling on his shot-making. This allowed Ivashka to win the opener.

In the second set, Stewart's tactic of mixing things up -- running down balls, redirecting the ball back deep and adding few serve and volleys -- shook Ivashka's steady progress. This saw the British world No. 317 claw his way back into the match by breaking serve as early as the second game and building a 3-0 lead.

Moments later, at advantage during his service game, Ivashka lost his temper after a linesman's call was overruled by the chair umpire against him. A protesting Ivashka lost his serve, too, handing Stewart a 5-3 lead and eventually the set. In the decider, following a bathroom break, Ivashka channelled his anger constructively, breaking a shuffling Stewart twice in the sixth and eighth games to wrap up the match.

In the other semifinal, Petr Bar Biryukov beat Alastair Gray 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).



Petr Bar Biryukov.
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Results (semifinal, prefix denotes seedings): Singles: Ilya Ivashka bt 3-Hamish Stewart (GBR) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; 4-Petr Bar Biryukov bt 2-Alastair Gray (GBR) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Doubles: Adil Kalyanpur/ Mukund Sasikumar (Ind) bt 2-Charles Barry (Irl)/ Joshua Charlton (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; Petr Bar Biryukov/ Grigoriy Lomakin (Kaz) bt Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha/ Saketh Myneni (Ind) 6-3, 6-4

Maaya taking junior route to climb the senior stage

HITA PRAKASH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Exactly a year after reaching a career-high of 642 in the world, Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi's scarce presence on the women's pro tour, precisely three events, this season has the 16-year-old drop to 1070 on the women's ranking chart.

The decline in this number isn't really a spot of bother for the Coimbatore-born teen as Maaya has mostly been competing in the junior circuit where her ranking has risen to world No. 27. Last month, the youngster added an eighth ITF juniors singles title by winning the J300 Beaulieu-Sur-Mer in France. Now, Maaya is preparing to make an impact at the junior French Open beginning May 31 in Paris.

"Every week is an opportunity to get better. That has been the objective since the beginning of the year," said Maaya during an online interaction organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Friday.

"I want to get more matches and be ready for the Grand Slams. I have been training pretty hard to find out what works and doesn't for me."

Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi

Maaya's focus on the junior tour was a conscious decision made by her coaches at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca, Spain, which is Maaya's training base. Taking the route of good junior tour exposure to transition into the senior pro events has been their blueprint for the promising player.

"Our idea in the beginning of the year was that Maaya competes in a lot of matches to get comfortable with her game," pointed out Polina Radeva, Maaya's travelling coach.

"We kind of want her to develop even more and have that confidence in matches. So we started with the juniors in Australia, then she played a couple of pro events in India, and stick to the junior tour because if you finish with a good ranking in juniors, the following year you get some direct entries into pro events, so that's kind of our goal," emphasised Radeva.

Radeva further shared that head coach Joan Bosch at the academy is aware of Maaya's big game and is working on the nuances such as setting up a point, stronger serves and returns to strengthen the quality around the early stages of a rally.

Speaking about training and the difference in its methodologies after her move from India to Spain, Maaya felt that the set-up in Europe is more professional.

"My old coach back in India, Manoj (Kumar) sir, wanted me to move to Europe by the time I was 15, because he felt like I needed to be top of the league in tennis, and that's why I'm based in Europe.

"Here, you're in a more competitive environment, which is something that I love about the academy. I'm surrounded by a lot of professional athletes. You learn from them and have a lot of live examples before you. I think that's the major difference because the environment is very professional," said Maaya, who is part of the SAI's Target Asian Games Group (TAGG) initiative that provides financial and logistical support to medal prospects.

Shiven, Lokesh meet in semis, India assured of 8 medals

NEW DELHI, PTI : Shiven Agarwal led a spirited bunch into the semifinals across categories as India were on Friday assured of eight medals at the 33rd Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships in Panzhihua, China.

Shiven got the better of Singaporean Rehaan Singh in straight games in the boys' U-17 quarterfinals. Lokesh, meanwhile, defeated compatriot Hridhaan Shah in the quarters.

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Hairball removed from woman's stomach

In Karnataka's first trichobezoar surgery, a two-kg hairball was pulled out of a 23-year-old woman's stomach. The complex procedure was performed by **Dr Kumar Parth**, Senior Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology, **Sagar Hospital, Banashankari**. He explains how this conditions occurred and how parents can prevent it

In a remarkable and rare medical achievement, surgeons at Sagar Hospitals, Banashankari, Bengaluru, removed a massive two kg hairball successfully from the stomach of a 23-year-old woman. This is Karnataka's first reported surgery for a giant gastric trichobezoar.

What is a trichobezoar?
A trichobezoar is a rare condition in which swallowed hair accumulates in the digestive tract, forming a compact mass that cannot be digested. Since human hair is made of keratin, a protein that is resistant to stomach acid, it is not digested, allowing it to remain in the stomach for years.
Over time, the hair intertwines and moulds itself to the shape of the stomach

Dr Kumar Parth

Childhood habit
The young woman had been pulling out and eating her own hair since the age of 11. This is usually linked to an underlying psychiatric condition. In this case, she had been staying in a hostel during childhood, where she experienced emotional distress and bullying. As a coping mechanism, she developed the habit of pulling out and swallowing her hair. The condition remained undetected for nearly 12 years.

Severe symptoms, dangerous complications
By the time she sought medical help, her stomach was almost completely occupied by the hairball. She had been experiencing persistent abdominal pain, vomiting daily, loss of appetite, inability to eat solid foods and weight loss - 8–10 kg.

The mass had also caused a large ulcer in the stomach and extended into the upper part of the small intestine.

Recovery and long-term treatment
She is recovering well. Just one week after surgery, she had already gained half a kg and resumed eating normally. However, surgery addresses only the physical problem. To prevent recurrence, long-term psychiatric treatment and counselling are essential.

She continues to receive psychiatric care and medication to address the underlying emotional and behavioural condition.

Powerful reminder about mental health
This extraordinary case underscores the deep connection between mental health and physical health. This case should raise awareness among parents, teachers and caregivers about the importance of recognising emotional struggles in children and young adults.

Warning signs parents should not ignore

Trichobezoar is preventable if emotional and behavioural changes are recognised early

This condition can be easily prevented. Parents need to watch for these signs carefully.

- Social withdrawal and isolation
- Spending long periods alone
- Noticeable bald patches on the scalp
- Repeatedly pulling hair
- Unusual eating habits
- Loss of appetite

HCG Cancer Hospital opens Hebbal facility

A new 110-bed facility of HCG Cancer Hospital was launched at Hebbal, north Bengaluru. The hospital, equipped with Karnataka's first Elekta Unity MR-Linac, is a milestone in precision oncology. Kannada movie star Kichcha Sudeep inaugurated the hospital in the presence of HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd's founder and chairman Dr B S Ajaikumar and Executive Director & CEO Dr Manish Mattoo.

Keep your feet dry

Fungal infections and rashes on the feet are common in the monsoon season. This happens mostly due to damp footwear worn for long spells through the day. If your feet get wet in the rains, wash them thoroughly with soap and hot water, especially between the toes, as soon as you get home. Ensure you wear dry footwear the next day.

Rain Care

Ensure hand hygiene

Remember the Covid-19 protocols? This is the time to bring back the hand hygiene practices. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before eating. Carry a sanitiser and sanitise your hands if you touch surfaces such as railings in public spaces. Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes. Often, infections spread from surfaces touched often by a large number of people.

In an emergency, your first response matters

Aster Whitefield Hospital's consultants in emergency medicine, **Dr Kushal Pandya** and **Dr Ashray V** explain what needs to be done in some common emergencies

Dr Kushal Pandya

Dr Ashray V

Medical emergencies often strike without warning, at home, in the office, on the road or even during a routine day at work. In fast-growing urban areas such as Whitefield, Bengaluru, where stress, long working hours, caffeine consumption and sedentary lifestyles are common, doctors are witnessing an alarming rise in heart attacks and strokes, even among younger people.

In such emergencies, though shifting the victim to the nearest hospital is a priority, relevant first aid can help the person's chances of survival and complete recovery. The actions of people around in the first few minutes after the incident can make the difference between life and death. Studies from Europe and North America report out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates commonly between 10–20 per cent, whereas survival rates reported from India remain considerably lower, often below 10 per cent, with some Indian studies reporting discharge survival rates as low as 1–3 per cent. In addition, bystander CPR rates in India remain low, with studies showing CPR being initiated by the public as less than 10 per cent in many regions.

First responders
When a person suddenly collapses, suffers a stroke or is injured in an accident, the first people to respond are usually not doctors. They are colleagues, neighbours, security guards, friends or even bystanders. These people play a crucial role. Recognising that something serious has happened and calling for help immediately is the first step in saving a life.

Cardiac Arrest: CPR can save life
One of the most dangerous emergencies is cardiac arrest, where the heart stops beating and the person stops breathing. In such a situation, immediate CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is the only proven life-saving intervention until advanced medical help arrives. CPR is not complicated and anyone can learn how to do it. Many people hesitate because they fear they may injure the victim, such as causing a rib fracture. But when the heart has stopped, CPR is the only chance of survival. If a rib is fractured in the process, it will heal.

In many Western countries, CPR training is given in schools. It will help if CPR awareness is a priority in India.

Stroke and heart attack: Every minute matters
In both stroke and heart attack, the concept of the 'golden hour' is critical. Reaching the hospital as early as possible can shorten hospital stay and help prevent long-term disability.

During a heart attack, the victim should avoid any physical exertion, including walking, climbing stairs or lifting objects as this increases strain on the heart.

Trauma: Handle with care
The most important initial step in such trauma is early stabilisation of the affected extremity using appropriate splinting and immobilisation techniques. Proper first aid reduces pain, limits further tissue damage, minimises swelling and improves functional recovery, often helping patients return to walking and normal daily activities much faster. Avoid placing dirty rags over wounds, as this can lead to infection.

Whenever possible, the injured person should be transported by ambulance, where trained paramedics can monitor and stabilise the victim during transit.

Aster Whitefield Hospital's community outreach
Aster Whitefield Hospital conducts CPR and first-aid training programmes in schools, colleges, residential communities, IT companies and offices regularly where their medical teams teach these life-saving skills.

Lean muscles hold the key to health, fitness

Preventing muscle loss as you age is the way to a high quality of life in the later years, says fitness expert **Dr Gul Mohamed Akbar**

Well Being

Around the age of 30, your body experiences a gradual, progressive loss not only of skeletal muscle mass but also strength and functioning. This is a natural aging process called sarcopenia. Sedentary lifestyle, no exercise and low muscle volume will add to this degenerative process.

Symptoms

No stamina: Reduced stamina and inability to perform tasks that were accomplished easily earlier - walking long distances, brisk walking, climbing stairs etc.
Weakness: Muscle weakness, reduced strength and decrease in muscle size resulting in a sagging and shrinking physique.
Poor balance: Falls due to reduced muscle control.
Loss of hand-eye coordination: The body's slower reaction (due to muscle loss) leads to difficulty in performing ordinary daily tasks.

The importance of muscle retention cannot be overlooked. It is the largest organ system in the body by mass - nearly 40-50 per cent of total bodyweight. Muscle is increasingly recognised by health and longevity experts as the body's primary 'organ of longevity'.

Benefits of strong muscles

Improves lifespan, quality: Modern wellness goes beyond just adding years to life. It focuses on improving quality of life, emphasising on living free of chronic disease or disability.
Good health and happiness connection: Modern research establishes a strong connection between good health, happiness, well-being and satisfaction in life. And this leads to building an emotionally stronger and resilient personality which goes a long way in supporting you, especially in the later years.
Prevents falls, fractures: Muscle retention and the supporting tissues protect bone density and prevent falls and breaking of bones. The muscle pull on bones increases not only the weight-bearing capacity of the bones but also improves bone density and aids in preventing osteoporosis.
Quicker recovery from illness: During periods of illness the body relies on muscle as its primary protein source to heal. Strong muscles help the body recoup quicker.
Improved metabolic health: Having lean muscles improves the calorie burn during periods of rest, regulates glucose, supports immunity, energises and activates the body's ability to convert food into energy, build cellular structures and eliminate waste, thus making it a metabolic powerhouse.

Building muscle mass

Get into a regimen of strength training. Increase weights and repetitions in the gym as your muscular endurance improves. Your muscles are the engine that drives your body's calorie-burning capacity. Physical power is all about your resilience, vitality and the ability to live a quality life.

Ensure proper nutrition with increased intake of protein. Eat not for taste but to protect and build your muscle.

Adequate rest – eight hours sleep every night - is non-negotiable.

Do not hesitate to take professional guidance and support in these matters. Your life's most important investment is in yourself.

Target the 'daily one per cent improvement' formula. Work systematically and consistently on improving yourself by one per cent more than the previous day. It is just a matter of time before you see yourself improving, and with the compounding effect, by the end of a year, you would have improved 365 per cent!

Take complete responsibility for your health, for your wellness lies in your daily habits.

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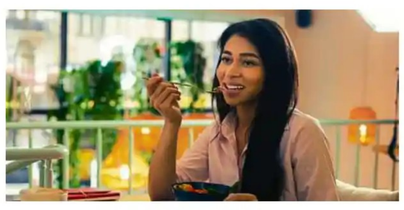
HEALTHY BREAKFAST

The first meal of the day needs to be highly nutritious, packed with protein. It replenishes your body's glucose after overnight fasting. It keeps mid-morning hunger pangs away and thereby aids in weight management. It's strongly advised if you are exercising in the early mornings.

EASY TO PREPARE

A protein-rich breakfast doesn't always need elaborate cooking – a yogurt bowl with nuts works well too. A high-protein breakfast helps in muscle recovery after a heavy work-out. Pairing protein with fibre helps you stay full longer. Seeds add a protein boost.



Protein-packed breakfast for a high-energy day

Hectic days packed with meetings and presentations... you need to be high on energy to make a mark. **Deepa Natarajan Lobo** serves three breakfast recipes that give you the boost you need

There's no better start to a day than a breakfast that is comforting and nourishing. And adding protein to your morning meal does exactly that - keeps you energised and full for longer, ready to take on the day ahead with gusto.

From soft scrambled eggs and creamy yogurt bowls to tofu skillets, chickpea spreads and nut butter-topped toast, protein-packed breakfasts can be easy, creative and delicious. Many chefs today are imagining ways to turn simple ingredients into exciting morning dishes - think hearty grain bowls, fluffy pancakes, loaded sourdough toasts, savoury chickpea preparations and make-ahead breakfasts that fit into busy mornings.

The result? A breakfast spread that is warm, satisfying and indulgent, while being nourishing enough to power the day ahead. Here are three you can try at home.

Scrambled Eggs with Forest Mushrooms, Creamed Spinach and Truffle Drizzle

By chef Tenzin Khechok

What you need

- Three eggs
- One cup each of mixed forest mushrooms (shiitake, button, shimeji) and fresh spinach tossed in cream
- Two tablespoons of heavy cream
- One teaspoon of truffle oil
- A slice of sourdough bread
- One tablespoon of butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh thyme and parmesan for garnish

Preparation

Whisk eggs with salt and pepper and scramble gently in butter until just set. Saute mushrooms until tender. Add spinach and cream and cook until softened. Toast the sourdough and top with scrambled eggs and the mushroom-spinach mixture. Finish with truffle oil, parmesan and fresh thyme garnish.

Hummus Pita Bowl

By Ashish D'abreo

What you need

For Green Marinade:

- 50 gm of chickpeas (soaked overnight)
- Lemon juice (from a quarter lemon)
- Quarter cup of extra virgin olive oil
- Half a teaspoon each of za'atar and sumac
- One pita bread disc
- One large purple brinjal
- One teaspoon of hand-pounded ginger paste
- One tablespoon of cooking oil

Preparation

Pressure-cook the soaked chickpeas with 200 gm of water and salt to taste until firm, yet soft when pressed. Remove from heat, cool completely and refrigerate along with the cooking liquid.

Once chilled, drain the chickpeas and reserve the liquid. Put 80 per cent of the chickpeas into a blender along with an ice cube, lemon juice, olive oil and a few spoons of the reserved liquid. Blend into a nearly-smooth paste. Add the remaining chickpeas and pulse briefly so small bits still remain. Set aside.

Chop the brinjal into small pieces, mix with salt and leave aside for an hour. Once the moisture releases, squeeze and strain well. Heat cooking oil in a cast iron pan and gently saute the brinjal until cooked through with slightly charred edges. Add the hand-pounded ginger paste, stir well and sprinkle half the za'atar.

Spread the hummus in the centre of a plate and create a small well in the middle. Spoon the brinjal mixture into the well and drizzle olive oil over the top. Garnish with the remaining za'atar and sumac.

Serve hot with pita bread.

Vegan Shakshouka

By chef Pooja Masurkar

Preparation

Blitz parsley, basil, onion, lemon juice, oil, tahini, salt and green chilli to a smooth paste for the green marinade. Marinate the tofu in the green marinade for at least 20–30 minutes. Skewer the tofu pieces and grill or bake in the oven until lightly charred.

To make the shakshouka base, saute onion and garlic in oil. Add chopped tomatoes, oregano, thyme, salt, khand or sugar, chilli flakes and balsamic, then simmer until thickened. Place the grilled tofu skewers over the tomato base. Garnish with vegan feta and fresh herbs. Serve hot with pita or sourdough on the side.

What you need

For Green Marinade:

- 10 gm of parsley
- 25 gm of basil
- 25 gm of onion
- 10 gm of lemon juice
- 30 gm of oil
- 20 gm of tahini
- Three-fourth teaspoon of salt
- One small green chilli

For tomato shakshouka base

- 500 gm of tomatoes
- 15 gm of onion
- One twig of oregano
- Half a teaspoon of pink salt
- Two teaspoons of khand or sugar
- A pinch of chilli flakes
- One small garlic clove
- One and quarter tablespoon of oil
- Quarter tablespoon of balsamic vinegar
- A pinch of dried thyme

Other ingredients

- 200 gm of firm tofu
- Vegan feta for garnish
- Olive oil as needed
- Pita or sourdough to serve
- Two skewers

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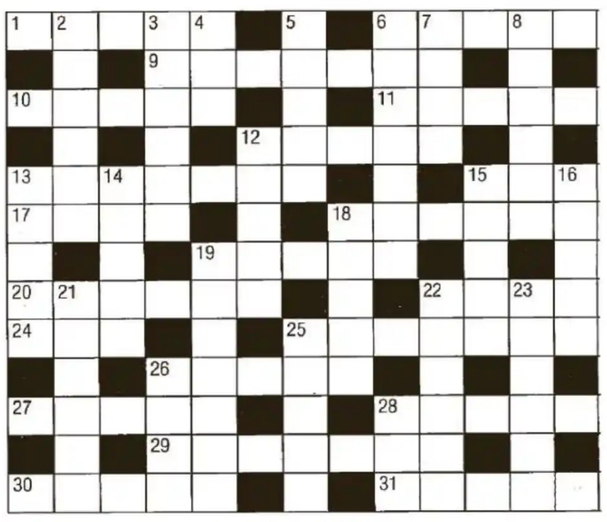

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1 Faith (5)
6 Chubby (5)
9 Depict (7)
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11 Fashion (5)
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13 Bir d (7)
15 Battle (3)
17 Beers (4)
18 Lure (6)
19 Swoon (5)
20 Deadly (6)
22 Dropped (4)
24 Crack troops (3)
25 Tedium (7)
26 Group of fish (5)
27 Large mammal, in short (5)
28 Calm down (5)
29 Endanger (7)
30 Broad smiles (5)
31 Actions (5)

DOWN
2 Hire (6)
3 Dots (6)
4 Rocky hill (3)
5 Scatter (5)
6 Long-suffering (7)
7 Stringed instrument (4)
8 Madman (6)
12 Trite (5)
13 Prisons (5)
14 US coins (5)
15 Cabled (5)
16 Kingdom (5)
18 Enlist (5)
19 Comprehends (7)
21 Simpler (6)
22 Lame (6)
23 Plundered (6)
25 Bread-maker (5)
26 Rotate (4)
28 Help (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Drift aloft (5)
6 Scot also found in the outskirts of Salisbury (5)
9 Something you can stand on when tidying, perhaps (7)
10 On the allotment, you can grow a line on both sides (5)
11 Every individual has the right to get somewhere (5)
12 He was French, yet to a degree Anglo Saxon (5)
13 Always in favour of a bit of severity (7)
15 Perpetually five short? (3)
17 She envelops one in doom! (4)
18 A businesslike programme (6)
19 Lord Haw-Haw's girl? (5)
20 Age of the school team? (6)
22 Tidal wave of the Ebro? (4)
24 Roland may come by water (from the Euphrates?) (3)
25 Cringed like a coward (7)
26 A bit of misplaced ardour in the wood (5)
27 Cancel crazy curbs (5)
28 Having to go back in a bus is just not true! (5)
29 Charge nothing for an order in a restaurant (7)
30 You can credit a fish with finishing up in one (5)
31 Man run out? (5)

DOWN
2 Jack's place (6)
3 Loved to be dead wrong about getting nothing right! (6)
4 It's less than platinum (3)
5 Wrath of a no-good ruler (5)
6 Odd cluster of garnets reset (7)
7 They're in agreement on an article (4)
8 Avoided a flier named Edward (6)
12 Figure to be badly done out of a piece of land (5)
13 Saturday night complaint? (5)
14 It'll fix a vertical piece that's broken (5)
15 Where a witch worked some wonders (5)
16 Judged worthy of being scolded (5)
18 He may work on the boards of certain companies (5)
19 Bad character in a good book (7)
21 Mark has a bit of a laugh with a sailor (6)
22 Suit to change into (6)
23 Decline to set us free again (6)
25 Bear the burden of a hard-hearted outcry! (5)
26 Clever way to shorten a letter (4)
28 A hit in popular music (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 148

CRYPTIC
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EASY
ACROSS: 1, Trust 6, Plump 9, Portray 10, Infer 11, Trend 12, Belie 13, Jackdaw 15, War 17, Ales 18, Entice 19, Faint 20, Lethal 22, Fell 24, SAS 25, Boredom 26, Shoal 27, Hippo 28, Abate 29, Imperil 30, Grins 31, Deeds.
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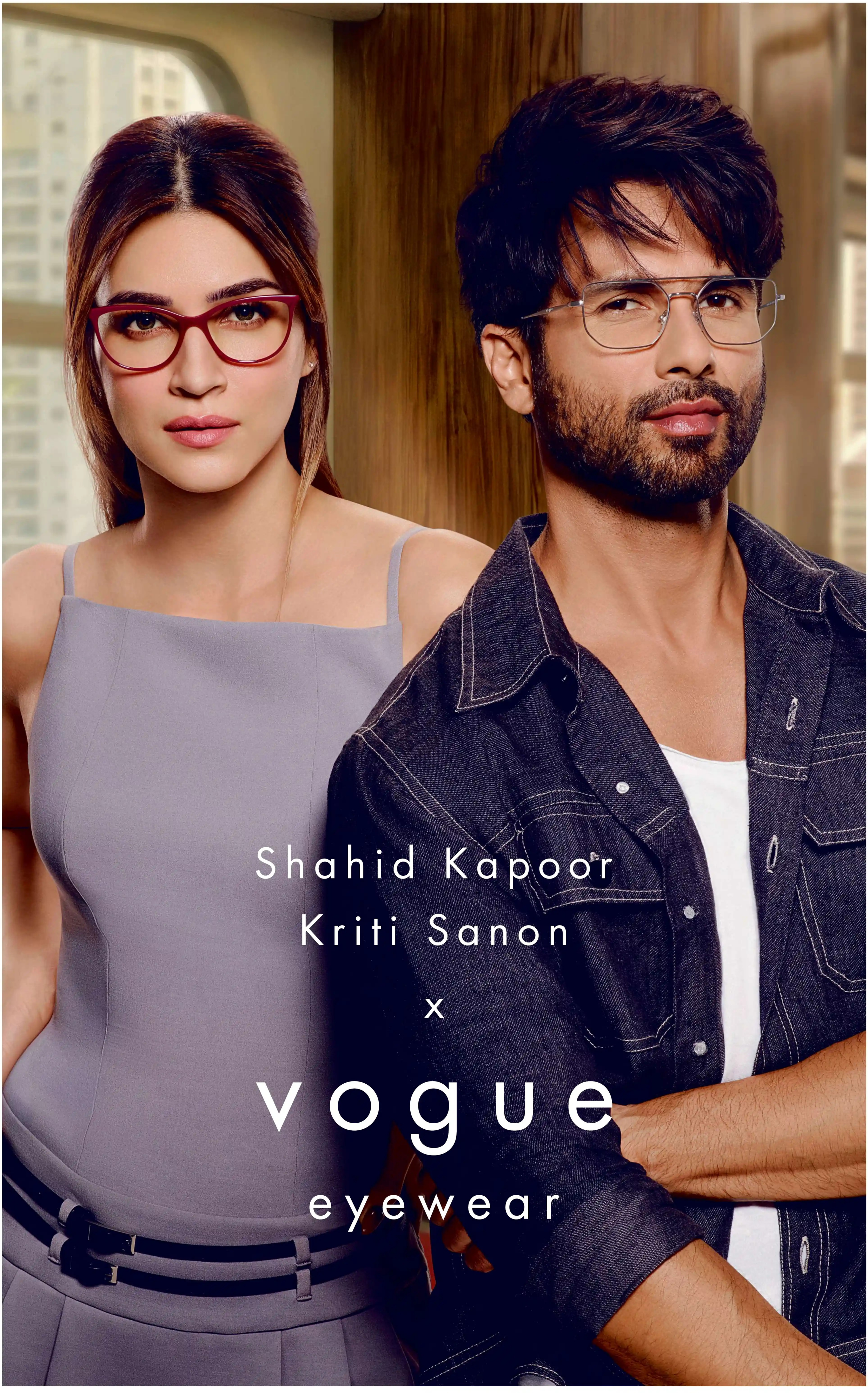
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Unlike conventional treatments that mainly focus on symptom relief or joint replacement, regenerative therapy aims to improve the health of the existing joint. This makes stem cell therapy particularly beneficial for younger and active individuals who wish to maintain mobility and potentially delay joint replacement surgery.

Stem cells are unique cells capable of developing into different types of tissues, including bone, cartilage, and connective tissue. In orthopaedic treatments, these cells are usually obtained from the patient's own body, commonly from bone marrow or cartilage tissue. After collection, the cells are processed and multiplied in specialized laboratories before being reimplanted into the damaged area to support tissue repair and regeneration.

Regenerative cell therapy is being explored for conditions such as cartilage injuries, sports injuries, osteochondral defects, and avascular necrosis (AVN) of the hip. Since the therapy uses the patient's own cells, the risk of rejection or graft-related complications is considerably lower.

Senior Orthopaedics Surgeon at Apollo Spectra Hospital, Koramangala, **Dr. Gautam Kodikal,** who has more than 4 decades of experience, shares his insights on the role of regenerative therapy in Orthopaedics. "This regenerative therapy is most effective in patients with localized cartilage damage, ligament injuries, or early avascular necrosis of the hip, where the objective is to preserve and restore the natural joint. It cannot be used in cases of complete cartilage loss or advanced joint destruction. In carefully selected patients, the treatment can significantly reduce pain, improve joint function, and delay the need for joint replacement surgery. Recovery is generally faster than major joint replacement procedures, with rehabilitation guided over a few weeks.", he explains.

While regenerative stem cell therapy is not suitable for advanced joint destruction or end-stage arthritis, it represents an exciting advancement in joint preservation. As research continues to evolve, regenerative medicine is steadily redefining the future of orthopaedic care, moving treatment from replacement toward restoration.

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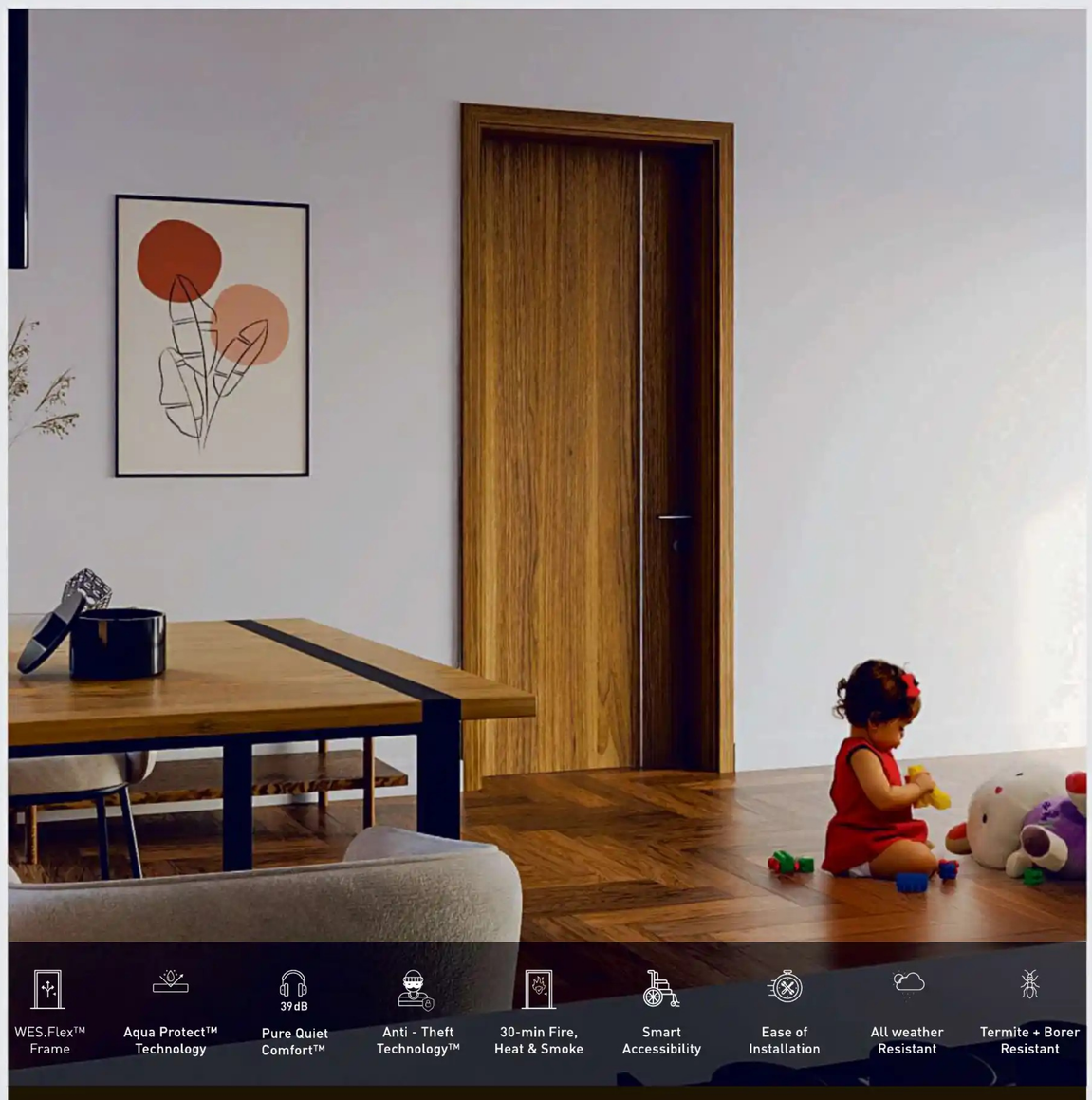

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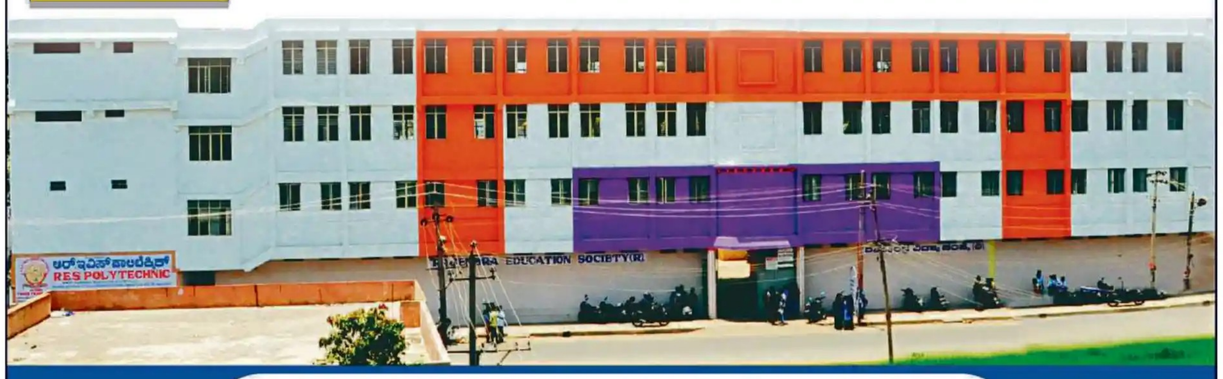

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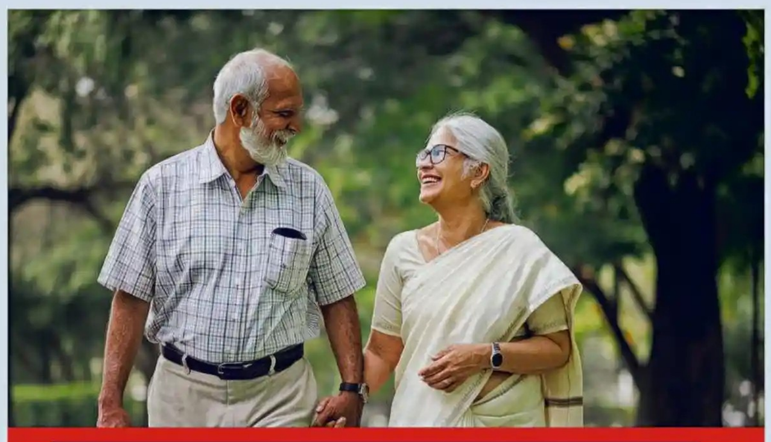

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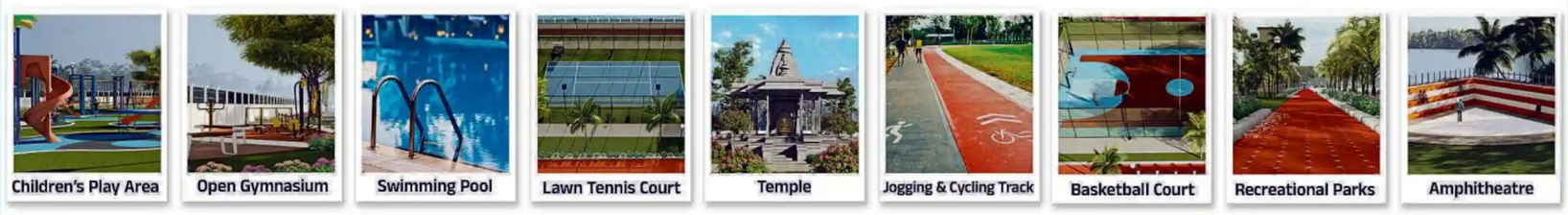

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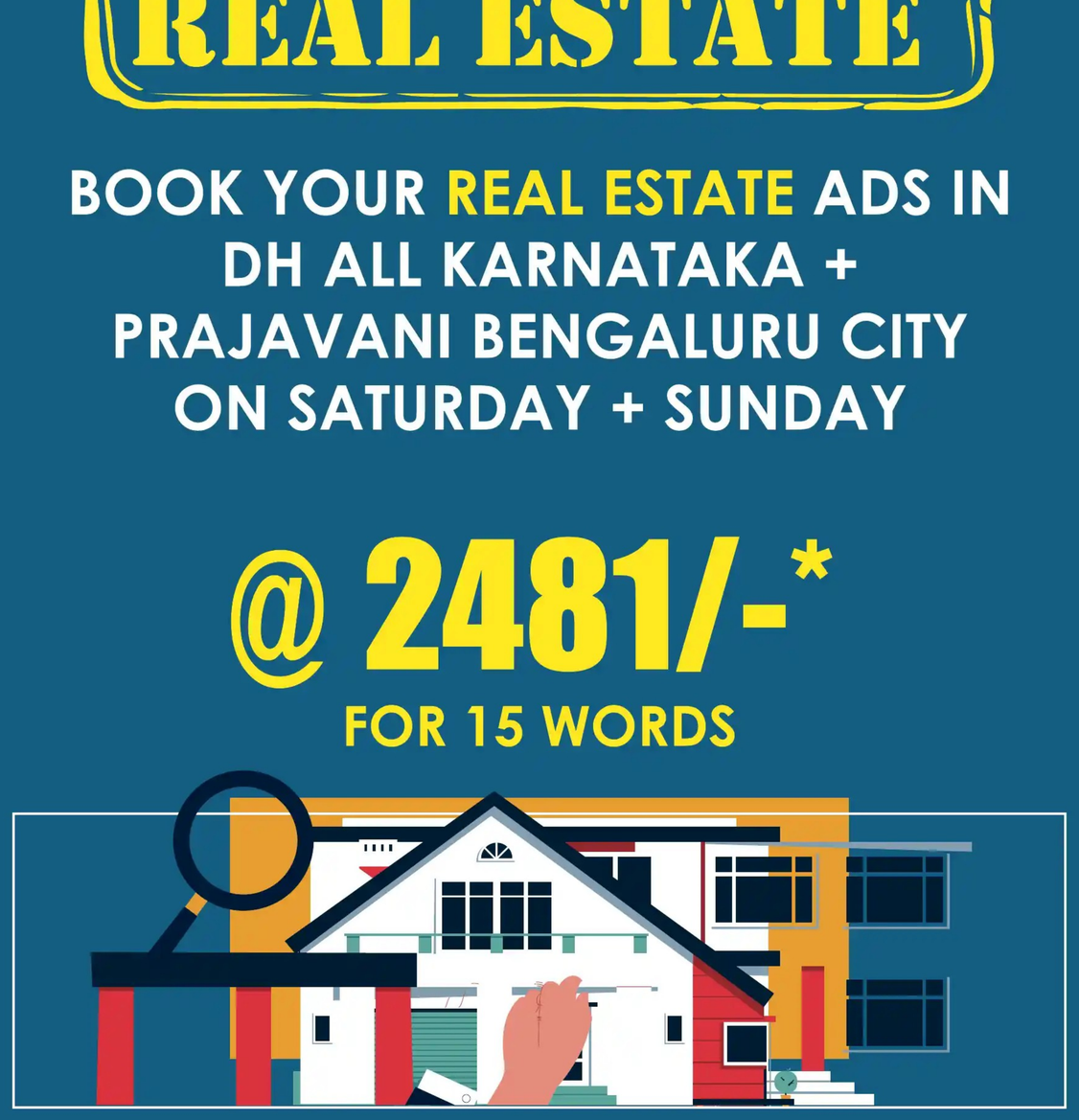

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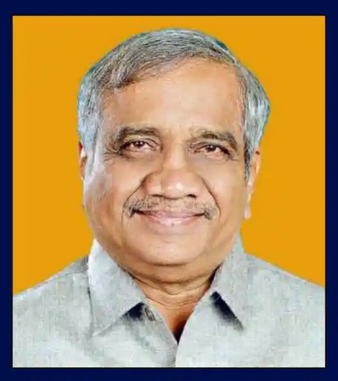

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